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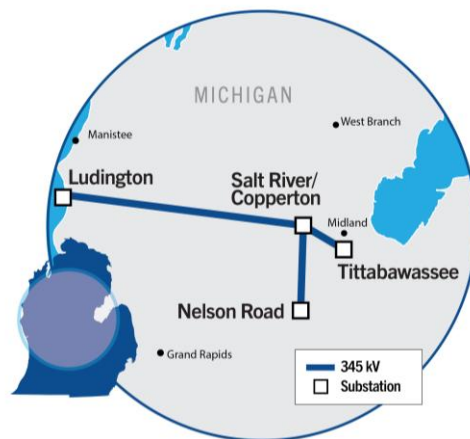
Angie Thompson, County Clerk
Gratiot County
214 East Center Street
Ithaca, MI 48847

**Re: Updated Project Introduction and Request for Information
Copperton to Nelson Road Project
Midland, Gratiot, Isabella, and Montcalm counties, Michigan**

We need your input – please provide feedback by July 31, 2026.

Dear Angie:

Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC), an ITC Holdings Corp. (ITC) company, has announced its intent to construct new high-voltage transmission lines in Michigan to maintain the long-term stability of the electric grid and respond to the changing energy landscape. The lines are part of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Long Range Transmission Planning (LRTP) Tranche 2.1 Project 32, Ludington – Denver (Copperton) – Tittabawassee & Nelson Road Project (Copperton Projects). The image below depicts the general location of the Copperton Projects. Please note that the lines and substation markers are illustrative only and do not represent exact transmission line routes or substation locations.



The benefits of this infrastructure investment include strengthening the reliability of the electric transmission system, serving the growing needs of customers in Michigan, and enhancing grid resilience during extreme weather. Along with the Copperton substation and other upgrades, the Copperton Projects include the following:

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- **Copperton to Ludington:** an approximately 159-mile, double-circuit 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Copperton (formerly known as Denver) station to the existing Ludington station;
- **Copperton to Tittabawassee:** an approximately 40-mile, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line from the Copperton station to the existing Tittabawassee station; and,
- **Copperton to Nelson Road:** an approximately 55-mile, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line from the Copperton station to the existing Nelson Road station.

You are receiving this letter in connection with the **Copperton to Nelson Road Project** (the Project), defined above. On May 7, 2026, METC sent an initial introduction letter and request for information concerning the Project to applicable agency contacts. The preliminary project area depicted in the May 7, 2026 letter covered portions of Midland, Gratiot, Isabella, and Montcalm counties. METC has since updated the preliminary project area to include the northern portions of Bethany Township and Wheeler Township in Gratiot County and the western portion of Homer Township in Midland County. The additional area will be assessed with other routing opportunities within the overall preliminary project area.

A map showing the Project’s updated preliminary project area is included as **Figure 1** indicating the expanded area. Also enclosed you will find a **Fact Sheet** with additional details about the Copperton Projects.

METC has contracted with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) to assist in developing and evaluating potential routes for the Project. METC and HDR are requesting your assistance in gathering information about social, cultural and natural resources to help identify routing considerations within the updated preliminary project area, see **Figure 1**.

The Project will require a 200-foot-wide right-of-way (100 feet on each side of the centerline). Structures are estimated to be approximately 125 – 180 feet tall and spaced approximately 800 – 1,200 feet apart, depending on terrain and site-specific conditions.

Your input on resources within your jurisdiction and/or area of expertise will assist the routing team in developing routes that take advantage of opportunities while minimizing environmental impacts. These resources and related topics include, but are not limited to:

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| • Residential and non-residential facilities | • Socioeconomics (population, employment, growth, development) |
| • Land use | • Hazardous materials sites and landfills |
| • Agricultural and forestry operations | • Cultural resources (historic and archaeological sites, cemeteries) |
| • Water ways, floodplains, and wetlands | • Transportation and roads (airport and roadway expansions, construction, operations, and maintenance) |

- Soils and geology
- Wildlife, vegetation, and fisheries, including threatened and endangered species
- Communications facilities (radio, television, cellular)
- Engineering, design, construction and operational items

At this stage of the Project’s routing study, we want to make you aware of the Project and information to help METC develop potential route options or identify potential routing constraints. We would also appreciate any additional feedback, concerns, or information on other issues you feel would help the routing team identify and understand your perspective on the resources within the Project’s updated preliminary project area. After this review of the updated preliminary project area and incorporation of agency input, METC will develop potential route corridors and additional input from you may be sought at that time.

We look forward to hearing from you about this Project. We would appreciate any feedback be provided by July 31, 2026. Please let us know if you would like to set up an in-person or a virtual meeting with you to discuss the Project and receive your input if preferred. You may provide feedback to the following contact:

Celia Metiva
 Project Manager – Routing and Siting Lead
 HDR Engineering, Inc.
 1000 Oakbrook Drive, Suite 200
 Ann Arbor, MI 48104
 Email: Celia.Metiva@hdrinc.com
 Phone: 734-465-0599

For any METC related questions or feedback, please feel free to reach out to your METC Local Government and Community Affairs contact: Gretchen Railling, Lead Permit Specialist, grailling@itctransco.com or 810-240-5686 or Kelly Wawsczyk, Area Manager, at kwawsczyk@itctransco.com or 231-923-8884.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this Project.

Sincerely,

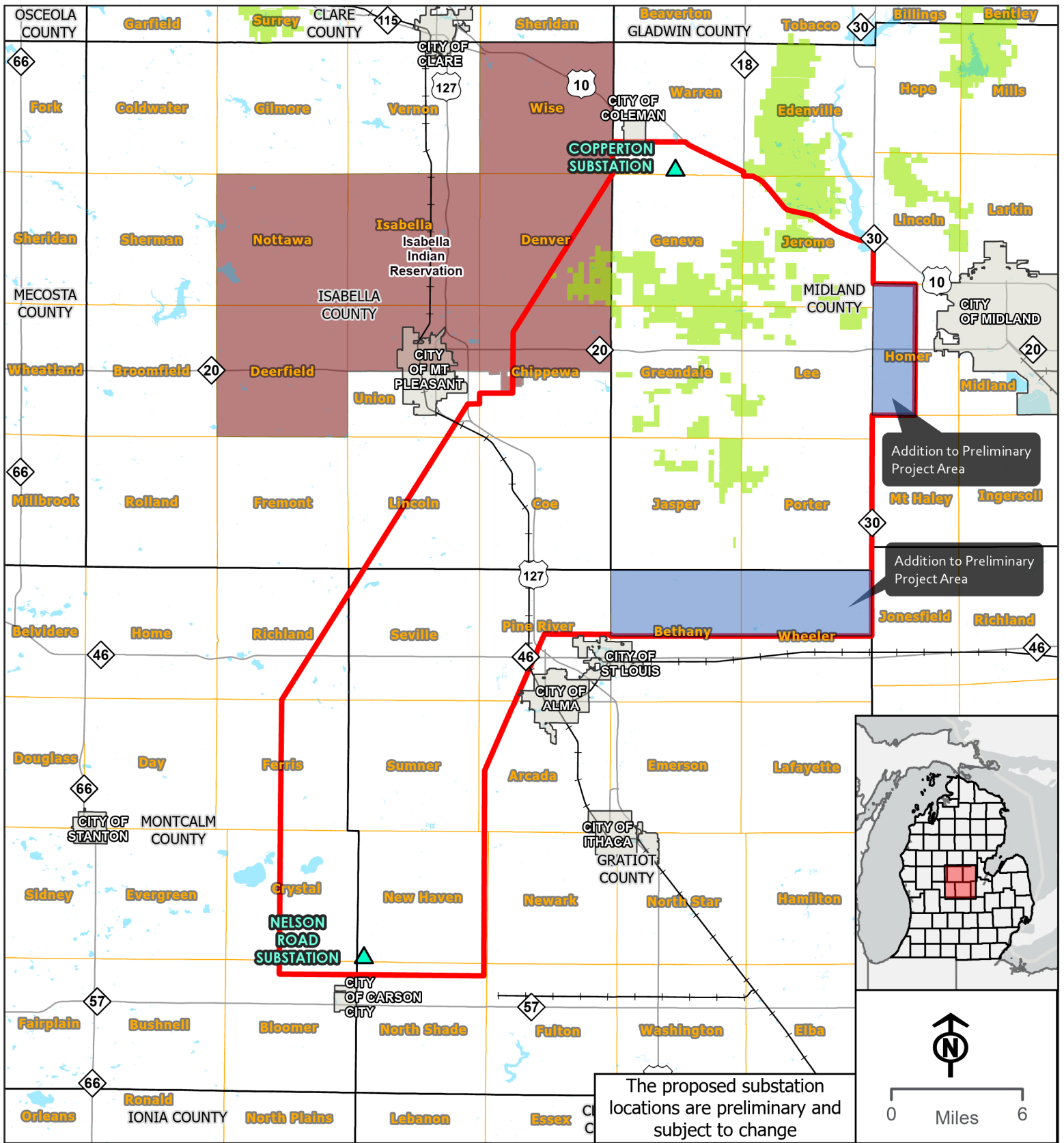


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 ITC Local Government and Community Affairs

Enclosures: Figure 1 Updated Preliminary Project Area
 Copperton Projects Fact Sheet



- ▲ Project Substation
- Railroad
- Highway
- Municipal Boundary
- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- State Forest
- Isabella Indian Reservation
- Preliminary Project Area
- Additions to Preliminary Project Area



COPPERTON TO NELSON ROAD
345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
UPDATED PRELIMINARY PROJECT AREA - FIGURE 1
METC