



June 19, 2024

Jeff Baynton  
4534 Hamlin Rd  
Grawn, MI 49637

RE: Proposed Construction of Pole Barn

NI#: 280

ROW#: 67-D90-1

Dear Mr. Baynton:

I am writing in response to your request for permission to construct a pole barn within the existing METC easement area. The location of your property is ***in the SW¼ of Section 32, Blair Township, Grand Traverse County, Michigan.***

Under the terms of the easement, METC has the right to grant the landowner authorization to utilize the land that is allocated within the easement area. ***METC does hereby approve your request to construct and install the proposed use within the METC easement area*** as illustrated in the attached exhibit that you provided and accepts the placement and proximity to our structure/easement as noted in your diagram (Exhibit A). This request is approved subject to certain conditions including, but not limited to, the conditions contained in Exhibit B.

Based on our review of your construction plan, METC acknowledges that the use of the easement area for requested purpose will not interfere with METC's ability to operate our overhead lines. In so doing, the Landowner hereby agrees to not now or hereafter 1) violate any provision of the National Electric Safety Code ("NESC"), including without limitation, the NESC clearance requirements; 2) block access to METC's electric transmission structures and overhead lines by METC and their authorized agents for purposes of exercising METC's easement rights; and 3) preclude the construction of such additional electric transmission lines within the easement strip as METC may, in its discretion, deem necessary or desirable, and further provided that the work necessary to complete the Project is completed in accordance with the requirements of the attached Exhibit A as submitted.

The landowner acknowledges and agrees to keep the easement area free of any vegetation that does not meet the METC standards for limited vegetation. Acceptable forms of vegetation can be requested from METC by the landowner. If vegetation should be deemed as a potential hazard, METC reserves the right to remove said vegetation, without warning

METC's sole purpose in reviewing the Project has been to determine whether it unreasonably interferes with METC's easement. METC has not and will not make any review of the Project to identify actual or potential safety hazards to persons or property. During the planning, design and construction of the Project, it is the sole responsibility of you and/or your contractor to identify and manage ALL safety issues, and to observe ALL applicable workplace and other relevant safety regulations. METC makes no representation as to safety, and expressly disclaims all liability in any way related to the location of the proposed Project in its easement strip.

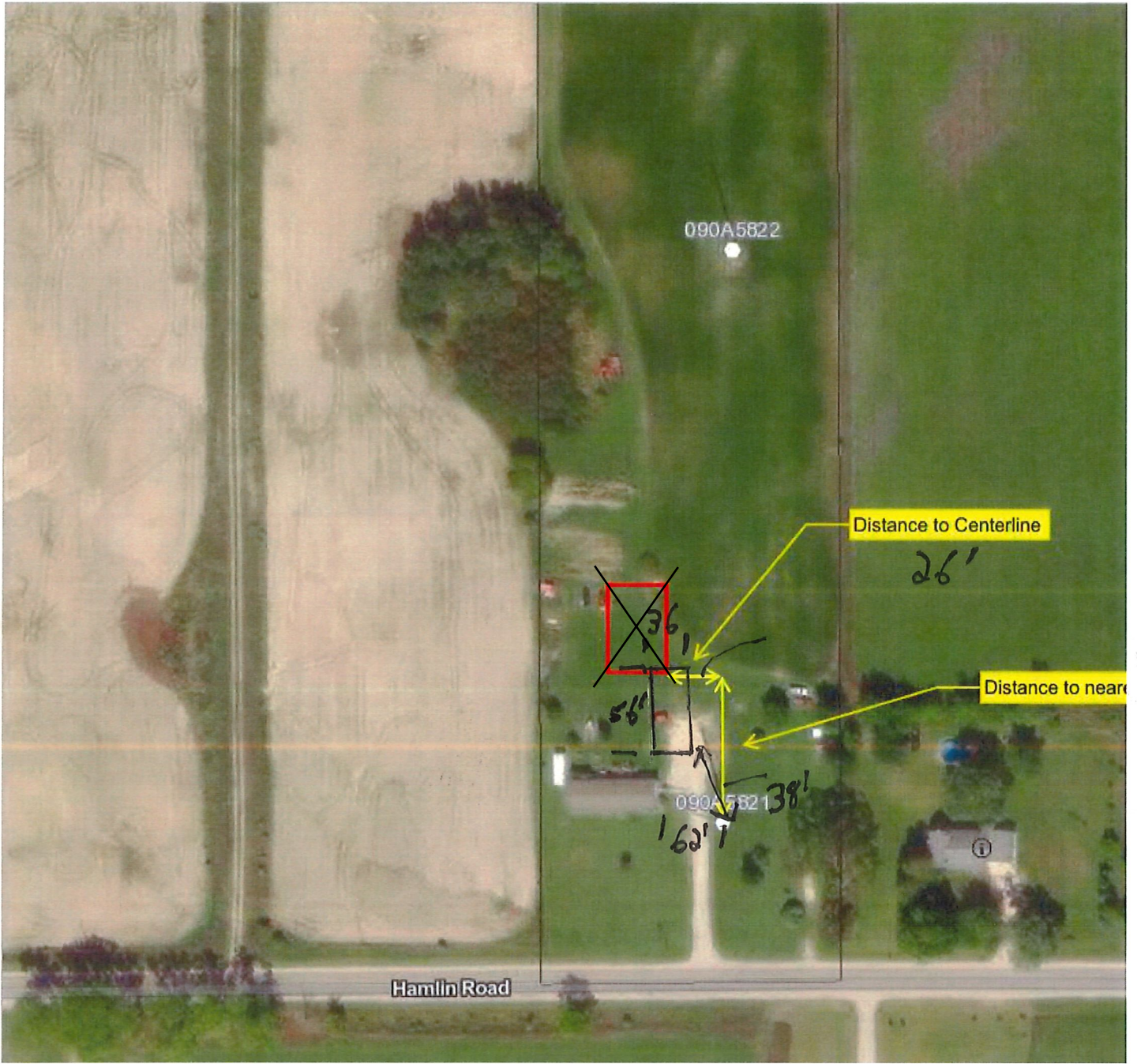
This letter should not be interpreted to limit or modify METC's easement in any way, nor should it be interpreted to limit or modify such rights or interests as METC or that you may have by virtue of the easement. METC expressly reserves the right to use its easement strip for all purposes indicated in its easement, including but not limited to the construction, operation, and maintenance of utility facilities and the trimming and removal of trees. Without limiting the foregoing, METC's use of the easement strip shall not be unreasonably restricted, limited, conditioned, or interfered with as a result of the Project. Should you have additional questions regarding METC's easement or the information in this letter, please contact me at 248-946-3767.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Rice". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the name.

Matthew Rice  
Sr. Real Estate Specialist  
ITCHoldings Corp.  
Email: [mrice02@itctransco.com](mailto:mrice02@itctransco.com)

Exhibit A



[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Distant to CL 26'  
Distant to Pole 38'

## **Exhibit B**

- The work will not interfere with the existing METC lines or structures.
- Construction activity must meet all required and applicable clearances to METC<sup>1</sup> assets.
- The property owner is responsible to obtain permits and/or subdivision HOA approval if necessary.
- Equipment, materials and workers shall maintain a 20' radial distance and/or per OSHA requirements, whichever is more stringent from all energized METC overhead conductors.
- The contractor is responsible for conducting his work in accordance with OSHA and other safety guidelines as required by the state and/or city. The contractor is fully responsible for ensuring the safety of all workers that are in the corridor.
- Any temporary or permanent grade changes in excess of 6 inches must be approved by METC.
- No construction materials should be stored, stockpiled or left in the corridor to impact future maintenance activities.
- METC is not responsible for any electrical interferences. Proper and safe practices must be followed, and clearances maintained to ensure safety of personnel.
- METC shall be notified immediately if there are any issues related to transmission lines.