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VIA ELECTRONIC CASE FILING

Ms. Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary
Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 W. Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

Re: **MPSC Case No. U-21534**: In the matter of the Application of **DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY** for authority to increase its rates, amend its rate schedules and rules governing the distribution and supply of electric energy, and for miscellaneous accounting authority.

Dear Ms. Felice:

Enclosed for filing please find the ***Petition to Intervene by the Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues and Proof of Service*** for the above referenced case.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Valerie J.M. Brader

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Association for Utility Issues

cc: w/enclosure: Parties of Record

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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**PETITION TO INTERVENE BY
THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION FOR UTILITY ISSUES**

1. The Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues (“MI-MAUI”), a Michigan non-profit corporation, seeks to intervene in this case under Rule 410(1) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, R 792.10410(1).

2. MI-MAUI, which is a membership organization of Michigan municipalities, was formed to represent the interest of, and provide technical assistance and education to, municipalities and other local government agencies in Michigan in matters involving regulated utilities, including state regulatory processes and direct business relationships with utilities.

3. A number of MI-MAUI’s member municipalities are customers of DTE Electric Company (“DTE”).

4. Additionally, as governmental bodies, member municipalities have unique insights to offer as to the desires of their constituents, who are also customers of DTE.

5. As an organization with members who are customers of DTE, MI-MAUI should be granted intervention by right, because its members would be directly affected by the outcome of this case. Specifically, because members of MI-MAUI are directly within the zone of interests that would be affected by the Commission’s decision in this case, MI-MAUI has organizational

standing. See, e.g., *Assoc of Data Processing Service Orgs, Inc v Camp*, 297 US 150 (1970); *Drake v Detroit Edison*, 453 F Supp 1123, 1129 (WD Mich 1978).

6. MI-MAUI would also be eligible for permissive intervention, because its members, as representative governments, can provide useful information and unique perspectives regarding the desires and needs of their constituents.

7. MI-MAUI has previously been granted intervention in cases involving DTE, including Case Nos. U-21297 and U-20836.

8. Members of MI-MAUI staff, as well as staff of member governmental entities, have knowledge and experience in the area of ratepayer advocacy. In addition, MI-MAUI has provided comments to the Commission in Case Nos. U-21400, U-20147, and U-20697.

9. This petition to intervene is timely.

10. No other party adequately represents the interests of MI-MAUI and its members.

11. MI-MAUI requests that all notices and pleadings be served on:

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For the reasons outlined above, MI-MAUI respectfully requests that the Commission grant this petition to intervene and treat MI-MAUI as a party to this proceeding.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

On the date below, an electronic copy of the **Petition to Intervene by the Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues** was served on the following:

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The statements above are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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