

-STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY)	
TO INCREASE ITS RATES, AMEND ITS RATE)	CASE NO. U-21534
SCHEDULES AND RULES GOVERNING THE)	(Paperless e-file)
DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC)	ALJ Hon. Sally L. Wallace
ENERGY, AND FOR MISCELLANEOUS)	
ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY)	

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF WALMART, INC.

Walmart Inc. ("Walmart") respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in this case as a full party of record pursuant to the Commission's rules of practice and procedure. In support of this petition, Walmart states as follows:

1) Walmart is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in Michigan. Walmart's business address is 2608 J Street SE, Bentonville, AR 72716-0550. Walmart requests that all notices, pleadings, orders, correspondence, and other communications be directed to and served upon the undersigned counsel.

2) DTE Electric Company ("DTE") is an investor-owned electric public utility operating within Michigan, and subject to the regulatory authority of this Commission.

3) Walmart is a large retail customer of DTE, owning and operating approximately 40 retail stores and related facilities in DTE's Michigan service territory. Collectively, these facilities consume over 130 million kWh of electricity on an annual basis.

4) On March 28, 2024, DTE filed its Application for authority to increase its rates in this docket seeking, among other things, a \$456.4 million increase in its Michigan retail revenues. In addition, DTE proposes to continue, extend and expand the

Infrastructure Recovery Mechanism (“IRM”) focused on certain distribution capital expenditures that will be recovered through an IRM surcharge in the amount of \$80.6 million for 2026 and \$172.4 million for 2027. As a large retail customer of DTE, Walmart will be directly impacted by the relief being requested by DTE. Therefore, Walmart is a party within the zone of interests protected by MCL 460.1 *et seq.* and has a direct interest in participating in this case. Walmart is entitled as a matter of right to intervene in this case to assure that its interests as to reliability, pricing, efficiency and adequacy of resources, as well as any other appropriate considerations, are addressed and protected in conjunction with its service from DTE.

5) Walmart's interests are not adequately represented by the present parties to this proceeding and, therefore, it would be detrimental to the public interest to deny this Petition to Intervene.

6) Walmart's participation in this case will assist the Commission in understanding the impact of this case on Walmart's significant interests in it, as well as other issues presented by this case. Because of its interests in energy efficiency and demand side management technology, Walmart employs a sizeable number of employees focusing on energy and environmental issues. Many of these employees previously worked in the energy industry and can provide testimony that will assist in resolving the issues presented in this case.

7) Walmart has participated as an intervenor in previous cases involving DTE's rates and tariffs, including DTE's last two general rate cases, MPSC Docket Nos. U-21297

and U-20561.

8) If its intervention is granted, Walmart anticipates taking the position that DTE's Application should be carefully examined regarding issues that include, but are not limited to, the proposed rate increases and the components thereof, the proposed allocation of any rate increase among the various customer classes, and the proposed revisions to its electric rules, regulations and tariffs. Walmart reserves the right to take other positions and seek other relief based upon a review of the various filings, responses to discovery, or positions taken in the testimony or briefs of other parties.

WHEREFORE, for all the above and foregoing reasons, Walmart Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant it intervenor status as a full party of record and allow it to fully participate in this case including, without limitation, filing and presenting testimony, cross examination of witnesses, participation in all formal and informal conferences and hearings, and filings of briefs and any other pleadings, to the extent it deems necessary for its full participation herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE

Melissa M. Horne, being first duly sworn, deposes and affirms that on the 19th day of April 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was served via electronic mail to the persons shown in the attached service list.

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