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Michigan Public Service Commission
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Via email LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov

Dear Michigan Public Service Commissioners,

I am writing in strong opposition to DTE's proposed electric rate increase and urge you to stand with the people of Michigan and reject this outrageous request that our communities cannot afford.

By now you should be well aware of DTE's abysmal track record and reputation in our communities. DTE is already making record profits, but consistently puts that money into executive compensation, shareholder dividends, and political lobbying instead of investing in reliability or affordability for my residents. DTE's rates are already so unaffordable that they have manufactured a shutoff crisis, particularly in neighborhoods where DTE's outdated infrastructure already leads to routine outages that have serious impacts on our quality of life. My office's casework staff is constantly assisting residents who are having trouble keeping up with DTE's increasingly unaffordable rates and unreliable service.

I am glad that you are hosting a public hearing in person in Detroit. You will hear the pain and suffering that DTE's greed is causing our communities first hand. You must respect these testimonies and listen to our voices. Michiganders are looking to you to have their backs and hold DTE accountable for its failures to deliver affordable, reliable service. DTE's overdue infrastructure upgrades should be paid for by its massive profits, not struggling ratepayers. I urge you to reject this unconscionable rate hike request.

Sincerely,



Rashida Tlaib
Member of Congress