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Dear Michigan Public Service Commissioners:

My name is Markita Meeks. I am a long time Detroiter. I am writing in strong opposition to DTE's proposed electric rate increase to urge you to stand with the consumers, me, of Michigan who outright reject this unaffordable and outrageous request.

With the cost of groceries, gas, and now electric at an all-time high, most consumers are having to consider whether to eat, buy medication, or go without electric services. As the season transition from summer to winter putting our most vulnerable and families at greater risk of heat and electric insecurity with DTEs already deplorable services in our communities, it is immoral for DTE to request a rate increase while making record profits. Instead of investing in my community that DTE claims would benefit from the rate increase, DTE has already shown us how it will spend money produced by the previous rate increase with increased executive compensation, shareholder dividends, and political lobbying.

I am a consumer and frankly I am disgusted with DTE's testicular fortitude to request another rate increase when prices are already so unaffordable. DTE's overdue infrastructure upgrades should be paid for by its **massive profits and not on struggling ratepayers and consumers**. What we need is the leverage of competition for electric services, perhaps the City of Detroit, like what Ann Arbor is proposing to do. If there was more competition DTE would get it's act together and start treating the paying consumers with more respect, morality, and dignity. I urge you to reject this amoral, greed driven, rate hike request.

Sincerely,

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