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Michigan Public Service Commission
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Via email: lara-mpsc-commissioners2@michigan.gov

Re: Case #U-21534

Dear Michigan Public Service Commissioners,

I currently lead a group of utility Engineers and designers at Wade Trim, a local consulting company headquartered in Taylor (with 5 other locations in the State). I'm writing to express my support for DTE's electric rate case. DTE has a 15-year commitment to put Michigan first by prioritizing spending with in-state businesses. This commitment creates jobs and helps hard-working companies like mine succeed.

Because of DTE's investment and mentoring, our company's Energy group is thriving. Through our partnership with DTE, we are encouraged to utilize minority-owned firms to sub out certain tasks we cannot perform internally, such as Geotechnical investigations and survey.

DTE trusts us and our Michigan employees to consistently provide a good product at a competitive price. That trust gives us the strength and incentive to invest in the partnership. Since we became a DTE supplier about 10 years ago, we have grown into one of the largest market segments at Wade Trim. As a result, we have hired many new employees, expanded and renovated several of our Michigan offices, and have been able to invest in cutting-edge technologies.

DTE encourages us to pay it forward by doing business close to home and supporting our communities. Wade Trim prioritizes these initiatives through one of our 6 core values, stewardship. Our employees actively contribute to our professions and our communities, and each employee is given 8 paid hours as an additional incentive.

Thank you for considering how DTE's investments and support of Michigan businesses create a ripple effect that translates into greater prosperity in local communities.

Sincerely,

Jamie Kanners
Area Lead / Vice President
Wade Trim, Inc.