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Via email: lara-mpsc-commissioners2@michigan.gov

Re: Case #U-21534

Dear Michigan Public Service Commissioners,

I manage Motor City Electric Utilities (MCEU); a local business headquartered in Detroit. 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, we're thriving. Our company has participated in numerous DTE diverse supplier mentorship programs throughout the years. These events have helped to broaden our supplier base and provided added value to our customer base.

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. Our company is fortunate in that we are diversified with work across many business groups within DTE. This diversification has helped us grow as a contractor to the point that our revenues have almost doubled in the last 5 years alone. With this growth, we have added over 200 local full-time jobs, increased our spending with local equipment companies by more than 50% and acquired/built 3 additional facilities in the DTE service territory.

DTE encourages us to pay it forward by doing business close to home and supporting our communities. Our company recently sponsored RESULTS Mentoring which provides support redirection and mentoring for at-risk youth. In addition, we annually support local charities like Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Michigan Veterans Foundation and Covenant House Michigan.

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,

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