



METRO ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS

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 manage Metro Engineering Solutions LLC, an engineering WBENC National Certification Number: 2005121585 business located in Livonia and Detroit, Michigan. 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. In 2013 we were a small engineering firm with 18 employees. Today we have 173 employees working in Michigan with offices in Detroit, Livonia, and Grand Rapids. We were fortunate enough to be mentored by DTE (Major Enterprise Projects) initially for providing design services for the Public Lighting Authority of Detroit and then given opportunities to provide services directly for DTE Energy.

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 2013 we have purchased a building in Livonia, added a certified Detroit based business location, and added a new office in Grand Rapids. All of our employees live locally.

DTE encourages us to pay it forward by doing business close to home and supporting our communities. Metro Engineering Solutions uses all locally based subcontractors. We do not offshore any of our work. We actively support multiple local charities like Girls and Boys Club of Michigan, Freedom River Veterans Park (freedomriverflows.org), and others through donations and volunteer support. We are forever grateful for the opportunities DTE has given our company and enjoy seeing our Metro Engineering Solutions family continue to grow in the future!

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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