



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 am the Branch Office Manager at Burns & McDonnell Michigan Inc., a local business located in Detroit, MI. 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 business has been thriving and expanding in the Michigan market. DTE has been intentional on engaging local businesses, which is how our business initially connected with DTE and began providing engineering services locally for the first time 9 years ago.

DTE trusts us and our Michigan employees to consistently provide a quality product at a competitive price. That trust gives us the strength and incentive to invest in the partnership. Burns & McDonnell Michigan Inc. first began working with DTE in 2015 with only a single individual working in Detroit, and have since grown our local presence to over 65 Local Michigan Employees. Through the business that DTE has provided, we've been able to rent office spaces in Downtown Detroit & Southfield, Michigan, with additional temporary office presences in Carsonville & Sandusky, Michigan. Our business also frequently subcontracts other local and diverse businesses for services on DTE projects to further grow local businesses.

DTE encourages us to pay it forward by doing business close to home and supporting our communities. Our business volunteers and fundraises for local organizations, and we have historically supported organizations such as DAPCEP (Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program), Gleaners Community Food Bank and Mobile Grocery, Habitat for Humanity, Detroit Public Schools, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, Detroit Riverfront Conservator, Mercy Education Project, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Special Olympics Michigan, HAVEN of Oakland County, Beyond Basics, and Sanctum House. We also partner with DTE on supplier engagement events to widen our pool of potential local and diverse suppliers to partner with on future work.

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,

Lisa Janness
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