

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 writing to express my support for DTE's recent rate case. I am a Co-owner of Administrative Controls Management, Inc. (ACM), a Certified WBE, with locations in Detroit and Ann Arbor, Michigan. DTE has a 15-year commitment to put Michigan first by prioritizing spending with in-state businesses. This commitment creates local jobs and allows diversity-owned companies, like ACM, succeed. In fact, my first assignment with ACM, just out of the U.S. Air Force, was as a cost engineer for DTE's distribution operations circuit strengthening.

ACM will be celebrating 40 years on March 1, 2025, DTE was ACM's second client, and is still a client today. Because of DTE's investment and mentoring, ACM is thriving. ACM has supported DTE in Generation, Nuclear, Distribution, Transmission, business spin-off (Transmission), Capital Projects Best Practices, as well as extensive Capital and Maintenance Project Controls and Management. During a meeting with DTE, a Director, stated that ACM is a "Thought Partner" with DTE's Alliance. Recently, ACM delivered the Project Management Institute (PMI®) Project Management Professional (PMP®) Exam Preparation course to several DTE Project Managers to successfully obtain PMP® certification.

DTE trusts ACM and our Michigan employees to consistently provide Project Management support at a competitive price. DTE's trust gives ACM the strength and incentive to invest in the partnership. ACM is able to hire diverse STEM candidates and train them in the specialty profession of Project Controls/Management. ACM has developed and delivers PMI® and AACE International approved project management training classes (approximately 30 days worth). ACM encourages and invests in our employees to obtain professional project management certifications so they may commence in life long careers within all industries, not just regulated utilities. The skill set learned is transferable into manufacturing, pharmaceutical, heavy industry, institutional, federal and state governments, as well as many other industries.

DTE encourages ACM to further invest in south eastern Michigan by hiring and training locally. In a recent update meeting DTE, a Distribution Operations/MEP supervisor said, "It is nice to have all of ACM's people (Cost Engineers/CPM Schedulers/Data Analysts) local and in attendance daily." ACM invests locally by hiring STEM graduates, training our staff in Project Controls and Management, and providing timely and cost effective solutions to client's project management concerns (maintenance and capital). ACM provides employee benefits, well above industry standards, including paid time off, a 401K match, and health and life insurance. ACM has also won awards for balancing work and life.

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

Sincerely,

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