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Re: Case #U-21534

Michigan Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 30221
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Dear Michigan Public Service Commissioners,

I, Joe Gordhamer am President of OCG Companies, a diverse, local owned business 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. They have provided valuable training and expertise that allowed my company to expand to various departments throughout DTE, and even extend our restoration business to cater to warehousing and maintenance facilities. DTE has also connected us to other suppliers that have created business opportunities for our team.

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. OCG has not only expanded our work force to employ hundreds more people, but also purchase a new fleet of lower carbon emission vehicles and equipment.

DTE encourages us to pay it forward by doing business close to home and supporting our communities. OCG ownership founded the non-profit, The New Foster Care, to benefit youth aging out of the Michigan Foster Care system. We proudly commit a percentage of our DTE revenue to this worthy cause each year and are making a difference in thousands of lives and the futures of Michiganders. We are also fortunate to support other local charities such as THAW, Life Remodeled, and Dutton Farm, among others.

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,

Joseph Gordhamer
President
OCG Companies