

Kind Attn: MPSC Chairperson & Commissioners

Sub: **DTE Energy Rate Extortion from Detroit people.**

**DTE Energy does this rate hike every year and shows the excuse that it is to provide storm repair services, but actually, true facts are hidden from MPSC.**

**Every time DTE gives this excuse to fix fallen trees and storm damages... while there is under table corruption going on in their IT contracts and “Gas Business Profits” on the Expenses of Electric Customers (Note – Electric is shown to the public as non-profit, but DTE Gas business is “For Profit”).**

I saw in the Detroit news that your office is investigating the DTE increased charges... here is the inside info, which will be helpful for your investigation, and to protect Detroit people from these unethical rate increase and scam by DTE.

1. DTE has a Gas selling business (that is “For-profit”) and all profits are shared by their Sr. Executives.
2. DTE manages that Gas business by the “SAME” IT Services, and infrastructure, and people workforce... but all those expenses are shown in Electric Services (and claimed as non-profit). It is unethical and illegal.
3. DTE has a huge workforce of private IT consultants to show the big expenses on their IT budget... e.g. 200+ consultants in just for the IT Testing Team. **While 3000+ other consultants in other IT departments....**
  - a) Note --- Their IT Budget is \$ 200M+ every year.
  - b) More than half of the IT Consultants are for their internal tracking applications (nothing is related to MI residents).**
  - c) They have many internal IT applications and databases... those are none of business or for services to MI residents. But, all those costs are charged to Detroit customers.
4. Each of these IT consultants (at \$ 100-300 per hour rate) is on a “**commission basis**” by the selective IT vendor company... and they give **Free Dinners, Gift Cards, and other Travel and Club membership Gifts to the DTE Managers and Directors... (who hires these consultants from that vendor companies).** It is a big fraud to the public.
  - a) DTE Manager/Director’s spouse and family members are shown on the payroll by these IT vendors (one of those vendors is S3/Strategic Staffing Services)... to pay them on paper.
  - b) Actually, **it is a BRIBE given to DTE Managers/Directors** to take the contract and provide high-cost IT billable contractors.
  - c) I saw that vendor company Account Managers were giving Gift Cards to the DTE Manager (who was a decision maker to hire their IT consultants).

If you investigate... then you will find more evidence on these issues. Please protect Detroit people from this rate increase extortion by DTE Energy.