

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 run the Bird Electric Storm Division a Black and Veatch company, our home office is in Eastland TX and have an office in Ann Arbor. 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. We met DTE six years ago at a storm conference. Since then, DTE has always included us in all the opportunities that they have.

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. We have been able to grow our resources in Michigan, along with purchasing new and more equipment. Being a stable resource for DTE has giving our labor pool more of a stable environment during all these hard times over the last six year.

DTE encourages us to pay it forward by doing business close to home and supporting our communities. One of the biggest volunteering we do is with United Way along with others such as the Annual River Cleanups – Huron River Watershed Council, and our own community garden on property at one of our offices.

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,

Nathan JD Egge

Nathan Egge
VP of Bird Storm Division
Bird Electric a Black & Veatch Company