

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY’S	)	
application for the regulatory reviews, revisions,	)	
determinations, and/or approvals necessary for to	)	Case No. U-21285
fully comply with Public Act 295 of 2008, as	)	
amended.	)	
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At the December 5, 2025 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair
Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner
Hon. Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

ORDER

On October 10, 2025, DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric) filed an application in this case (October 10 application), with a supporting affidavit and exhibits, pursuant to Public Act 295 of 2008, MCL 460.1001 *et seq.*, as amended; Section 6j of Public Act 304 of 1982, MCL 460.6j; and all other applicable law, requesting *ex parte* approval of DTE Electric’s Deckerville Solar Park Project (Deckerville Project) and the Engineering Procurement and Construction Master Service Agreement (EPCMSA) with Burns and McDonnell Michigan, Inc. (Burns and McDonnell) and the Master Supply Agreement (MSA) for solar panel modules (Module MSA) with New East Solar Energy (America), Inc. (New East Solar Energy) (collectively, the Contracts) for the Deckerville Project. DTE Electric’s application includes a request for a Commission finding that the Deckerville Project and the Contracts are consistent with DTE Electric’s current amended

renewable energy plan (REP) approved in the May 15, 2025 order in Case No. U-21662 (May 15 order), and will reasonably and prudently fulfill demand for the amended and restated special contract (A&R special contract) between DTE Electric and Ford Motor Company (Ford) under DTE Electric's voluntary green pricing (VGP) program, approved by the Commission in the December 19, 2024 order in Case No. U-21285 (December 19 order).

In the June 9, 2021 order in consolidated Case Nos. U-20713 and U-20851 (June 9 order) (DTE Electric's previous VGP and REP cases, respectively), the Commission approved a partial settlement agreement that allows customers to request renewable energy projects specific to their needs. June 9 order, p. 53. Specifically, Paragraph 9 of the partial settlement agreement in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* established that DTE Electric will include customer-requested offerings in its MIGreenPower program, the company's VGP program, that will be implemented through the execution of individual special contracts that are filed with the Commission on an *ex parte* basis. June 9 order, Exhibit A, pp. 7-10.

DTE Electric's October 10 application explains that on July 27, 2022, DTE Electric and Ford entered into a customer-requested special contract for DTE Electric to build up to 675 megawatts (MW) of dedicated solar projects. DTE Electric states that it consulted with the Commission Staff (Staff) on April 28, 2022, to provide an overview and review of the proposed special contract with Ford, and on August 10, 2022, the company hosted an information session with intervenors from Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* consistent with Paragraph 9.1.3.6 of the Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* partial settlement agreement. October 10 application, p. 2. On September 30, 2022, the company filed an application for approval of the proposed special contract in the instant case. In the December 21, 2022 order in this case (December 21 order), the Commission approved the special contract and

ordered DTE Electric to file any amendments to the special contract in this docket. October 10 application, pp. 2-3 (citing December 21 order, p. 6).

On September 6, 2024, DTE Electric filed an application in this docket for *ex parte* approval of amendments to the A&R special contract between DTE Electric and Ford dated June 29, 2023. *See*, filing # U-21285-0008. In the December 19 order, the Commission approved the A&R special contract and found that the requested updated pricing therein remains consistent with the subscription charge and associated bill credit methodology of MIGreenPower Rider 17, whereby revenue from the A&R special contract will cover the revenue requirement of the project(s) over the life of the contract. December 19 order, pp. 2-3.

DTE Electric's October 10 application seeks *ex parte* approval for the construction of the Deckerville Solar Park to fulfill the A&R special contract. As detailed in the Affidavit of Rachel Cairo filed in support of the October 10 application, the Deckerville Project will be sited in Marion Township and Wheatland Township in Sanilac County. The Deckerville Project will interconnect into the Deckerville substation being constructed in Wheatland Township in Sanilac County and is anticipated to provide 200 MW_{AC}¹ of renewable energy nameplate capacity. October 10 application, pp. 3-4. The commercial operation date of the Deckerville Project is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2028. *Id.*, pp. 4-5. With respect to the Contracts necessary to construct the Deckerville Project, DTE Electric represents that it has entered into a Module MSA with New East Solar Energy, and an EPCMSA with Burns and McDonnell. October 10 application, pp. 3-4; *see also, id.*, Exhibit 1, pp. 2-3.

¹ "MW_{AC}" stands for megawatts of alternating current.

DTE Electric states that it issued a request for proposals (RFP) on November 11, 2023, in which the company sought 525 MW of renewable capacity for customer-requested special contracts. The October 10 application states that the RFP followed the Commission’s Competitive Procurement Guidelines as identified in the July 2, 2024 order approving the partial settlement agreement in Case No. U-21172 (July 2 order).² The Deckerville Project was selected to be incorporated into the portfolio of resources used to fulfill the A&R special contract between DTE Electric and Ford. DTE Electric asserts that the capacity of the Deckerville Project is within the VGP program MW prespecified in the partial settlement agreement in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* October 10 application, p. 3.

DTE Electric indicates that the estimated Deckerville Project installed cost is \$2,006 per kilowatt (kW) and the estimated price is expected to be \$66 per megawatt-hour (MWh), which blends with Ford’s Traditional MIGreenPower enrollment to satisfy the \$62 per MWh in the A&R special contract. The company asserts that the Deckerville Project will be eligible for a Production Tax Credit (PTC) of \$30 per MWh in 2028, with escalations in the following years and is expected to qualify for the additional 10% PTC value assuming the Energy Community bonus. Per the company, the nominal PTC value for the Deckerville Project is approximately \$162 million. *Id.*

² In a partial settlement agreement approved by the Commission in the July 2 order, DTE Electric, the Staff, and other parties agreed to updated terms governing the acquisition of resources to satisfy special contracts. The Case No. U-21172 partial settlement agreement states that “[the Company] will target the acquisition of a minimum of 50% of the capacity required to fulfill each Special Contract through build transfer agreements (“BTAs”) with unaffiliated third parties (“50% Requirement”). The Company shall not be required to issue more than one RFP per Special Contract.” July 2 order, Exhibit A, p. 2 (applying natural pagination). The RFP sought 525 MW of renewable capacity for customer-requested special contracts, and thereby fulfilled the “50% Requirement.” DTE Electric states that currently, no projects have been contracted from the BTA RFP. October 10 application, p. 3.

DTE Electric consulted with the Staff on August 8, 2025, to provide an overview and review of the Deckerville Project and related Module MSA and EPCMSA.

The Commission has reviewed DTE Electric's October 10 application, the supporting affidavit and exhibits, the applicable statutory language and Commission orders, as well as the partial settlement agreements in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* and Case No. U-21172, and finds that the Deckerville Solar Park and the Contracts should be approved. The Commission finds that the Deckerville Project and the Contracts are consistent with DTE Electric's current amended REP approved in Case No. U-21662 on May 15, 2025, and the requirements set forth in the December 21 order, December 19 order, and the partial settlement agreements approved in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* and Case No. U-21172.

As to cost recovery, the Commission shall review the final cost for the Deckerville Project for reasonableness and prudence in the appropriate renewable energy reconciliation proceeding following the Deckerville Project's commercial operation. The Commission further finds that *ex parte* review and approval are appropriate because approval of the Deckerville Project and the related Contracts will not affect rates or rate schedules resulting in an increase in the cost of service to customers. *See*, MCL 460.6a(3).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the October 10, 2025 application filed by DTE Electric Company seeking *ex parte* approval of the Deckerville Solar Park Project, including the Engineering Procurement and Construction Master Service Agreement and Master Supply Agreement for solar panel modules, and related relief, is approved.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel.

Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov and to the Michigan Department of Attorney General - Public Service Division at sheacl@michigan.gov. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

By its action of December 5, 2025.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

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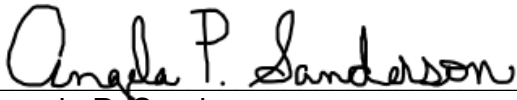
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County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that December 5, 2025 A.D. she electronically notified the attached list of this **Commission Order via e-mail transmission**, to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).


Brianna Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 5th day of December 2025.



Angela P. Sanderson
Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan
As acting in Eaton County
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