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**SYNERGY  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public Hearing on DTE Electric U-21990  
Company Application for Approval  
Of Special Contracts

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Proceedings held via Microsoft Teams in the  
Above-entitled matter before Theresa Staley,  
Administrative Law Judge with MOAHR, for the Michigan  
Public Service Commission, Lansing, Michigan, on  
Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

APPEARANCES:

Dan Scripps - Chair of the Commission  
Katherine Peretick - Commissioner  
Shaquila Myers - Commissioner  
Mike Byrne - Chief Operating Officer

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1 Wednesday, December 3, 2025

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4 JUDGE STALEY: Good evening. And thank you  
5 for attending this virtual hearing of the Michigan  
6 Public Service Commission. This is the date and time  
7 set for a public hearing in Michigan Public Service  
8 Commission case number U-21990 which is an application  
9 by DTE Electric for approval of two energy contracts  
10 with Green Chili Ventures, LLC. As part of its  
11 application, DTE Electric has requested ex parte  
12 approval of the two contracts.

13 For clarity during this public hearing, I  
14 and others may refer to the Michigan Public Service  
15 Commission as either the Commission or the MPSC. My  
16 name is Theresa Staley and I am the Administrative Law  
17 Judge with the Michigan Office of Administrative  
18 Hearings and Rules. My role here tonight is to make  
19 sure that we are able to hear from as many people  
20 wishing to make comments this evening as we can. I'll  
21 also be providing some instructions to make the  
22 opportunity as easy as possible.

23 Tonight's hearing is being held virtually by  
24 Microsoft Teams. Telephone relay service is available  
25 through the phone option. If you are participating by

1 Microsoft Teams, you may turn on the captions by  
2 clicking on the more button at the top right of your  
3 Teams window, then clicking on language and speech from  
4 the drop down menu. And finally, clicking on turn on  
5 live caption, and that should get you what you need.

6 The comments made tonight are being  
7 transcribed by our court reporter and will be included  
8 in the transcript that will be posted publically in the  
9 case dockets. Thank you to our court reporter, Mindy,  
10 for being here tonight. I will try to speak as  
11 slowly -- I will try to speak slowly tonight to make our  
12 court reporter's job a little easier, and I would  
13 encourage you all to do the same as you make comments so  
14 that she can accurately record all comments.

15 Following a presentation by MPSC Staff  
16 member Mike Byrne regarding the application, we will  
17 open the meeting for public comment. First, however, I  
18 would like turn this over to the Commissioners to share  
19 some opening statements, and I will start with Chair  
20 Scripps.

21 CHAIRPERSON SCRIPPS: Thank you, Judge  
22 Staley. Hi, everyone. Good evening, and thanks so much  
23 for being here tonight. My name is Dan Scripps and I am  
24 the Chair of the Commission, and I appreciate you taking  
25 the time to be here. Michigan is at a crossroads. Last

1 year the legislature passed incentives designed to spur  
2 economic growth in the form of data center attraction  
3 and development. And if the news reports of the last  
4 five weeks are any indication, Michigan has certainly  
5 gotten the attention of data center developers. In a  
6 recent article published earlier this week, the  
7 publisher identified 11 possible data center sites  
8 across the lower peninsula and stated that there's no  
9 reason to believe there's not more to come.

10 In the areas where data centers, developers  
11 are proposing to build, community members often have  
12 questions and concerns about the development, in part  
13 worried about the impact such development will have on  
14 their community. The proposed data center development  
15 in Saline Township is no different. And the contracts  
16 under which DTE is proposing to serve this customer have  
17 generated a lot of public interest, to put it mildly.  
18 In fact, we've seen nearly 5,000 comments submitted on  
19 this application since it was filed on October 31st, and  
20 we've seen a number of news articles focusing on this  
21 proposed data center and related DTE application. We  
22 know that some people are excited about the potential  
23 opportunities this and other data centers can provide.  
24 Commenters in the docket have talked about anticipated  
25 job creation, economic development opportunities and

1 extended tax base to support schools, community  
2 infrastructure and other public services. But we also  
3 know that folks in Saline Township and across the state  
4 are concerned about data center development. Melody  
5 shared in her comment on the docket, comment number 3979  
6 shared her concerns for the health and safety of people  
7 and wildlife living near the proposed data center.  
8 Erica comment number 3935 shared that she is concerned  
9 about potential for waste and abuse of natural  
10 resources, increased power demand and related costs and  
11 negative health impacts. Ashley, comment 4012, Emma,  
12 3971, Candace, 3915, and other's shared concerns over  
13 the potential for increased bills, impacts on water  
14 supply and stress to the electric grid.

15 I want to acknowledge the very real  
16 frustration, concern and even anger we've heard and read  
17 about over the last few weeks. These concerns are real  
18 and we hear them. And as we review the contracts before  
19 us for DTE to provide electricity to the proposed data  
20 center, we're closely reviewing some of these same  
21 issues around power demand, stress to the grid, cost and  
22 the impact on customer bills. At the same time,  
23 however, a number of the other concerns raised are  
24 outside the authority of the commission. We're not  
25 reviewing whether data centers or this specific data

1 center are good or bad. We're looking at the range of  
2 potential benefits and threats of AI. Those are very  
3 real questions, but they're outside the jurisdiction of  
4 the Commission. Rather, we often refer to the  
5 Commission as a creature of statute. Our authority in  
6 this case and indeed in all cases is granted and defined  
7 by Michigan Law and court cases interpreting that law.  
8 That means that anything we do, any order we issue or  
9 other action we take must be rooted in that authority.  
10 For data centers, Michigan Law gives us authority  
11 related to the rates data centers pay for electric or  
12 natural gas service and the terms and conditions of that  
13 electric and natural gas service. That includes  
14 ensuring meaningful guardrails are in place to ensure  
15 that there is sufficient power to serve both this  
16 customer and all of DTE's other customers, and to ensure  
17 this customer pays for its full costs. For other  
18 issues, including citing approvals, construction issues  
19 and air and water permits, those are by other parts of  
20 state and local government. The Staff presentation we  
21 will hear soon will touch on some of these issues and  
22 other public comment opportunities related to concerns  
23 outside of the Commission's jurisdiction, and I'd  
24 encourage you to check out those opportunities as well.

25 So again, thanks so much for taking time out

1 of your schedule to be with us tonight. We're looking  
2 forward to hearing from you. Commissioner Peretick.

3 COMMISSIONER PERETICK: Thank you, Chair  
4 Scripps. Issues of affordability, reliability and  
5 resource adequacy that is ensuring people can pay their  
6 bills, ensuring that folks have reliable power and that  
7 their service isn't going out all the time and that we  
8 have enough generating resources to meet the energy  
9 needs of our residents. Our issues that are all  
10 incredibly important to me and to my fellow  
11 commissioners, and we know these issues are implicated  
12 whenever a utility is looking to bring on any new large  
13 load customer regardless of whether it's data center or  
14 any other large energy user. These issues aren't just  
15 important to us, they're important to people across  
16 Michigan. In comments filed in the docket, Susan,  
17 comment number 4009, Joseph, number 3985, Karen, number  
18 3966, and Ken, number 3948 and as well as many others  
19 shared concerns that the power demand of the proposed  
20 data center will increase the need for new fossil fuel  
21 sources and urge that any approvals align with  
22 Michigan's Clean Energy Standard while protecting rate  
23 payers. Vicki, comment number 3944 urged protection of  
24 rate payers and several folks, including Monica, 2767,  
25 Makayla, 2852, Josh, 3436, and Carl, 2140 urged us to

1 look at other states as cautionary tales of the impact  
2 of data center development on rates and power supply.  
3 Especially with the sales and use tax exemption passed  
4 by Michigan's legislature last year that incentivizes  
5 new data center development here in Michigan, we need to  
6 be really thoughtful about we ensure that we protect  
7 residents on the issues of affordability, reliability  
8 and resource adequacy. And we know that there are right  
9 ways and wrong ways of doing this that we have seen play  
10 out across the country. Here in Michigan we are doing  
11 things differently. We're learning from the experiences  
12 of those states and actively working to ensure Michigan  
13 gets better results. Just last month commission  
14 approved a large customer tariff for Consumers Energy  
15 that includes a number of first in the country customer  
16 protections designed to protect against the bad outcomes  
17 that we've seen in other places. Here in Michigan for  
18 that tariff we're requiring a minimum contract term of  
19 15 years, a minimum billing demand of 80%, which means  
20 that the customer must pay for at least 80% of their  
21 contracted energy payments even if they don't use it.  
22 And early termination penalty equal to the minimum  
23 billing demand over the entire remaining contract term,  
24 robust collateral requirements to protect against  
25 stranded assets and among other protections. If you

1 have questions about what we did in the Consumers  
2 tariff, I would encourage you to check out the issue  
3 brief available on our website.

4 As we evaluate the energy contracts that DTE  
5 has submitted to the Commission for approval, my fellow  
6 Commissioners and I are looking to ensure that the  
7 protections envisioned by the contract are strong enough  
8 to ensure that Michigan customers don't foot the bill  
9 for any costs incurred by data centers. Several  
10 Commenters have shared the importance of making sure  
11 that these protections are robust and have expressed  
12 support for the provisions included in the contracts  
13 that the Commenters believe will ensure that, in fact,  
14 no costs are passed on to other customers.

15 And our focus isn't just on avoiding  
16 negative impacts. We're also asking questions about  
17 what Michiganders stand to gain from this contract under  
18 our review. As detailed by the Staff presentation, the  
19 contract before us includes a data center customer  
20 paying for the development and operation of 1.4  
21 gigawatts of battery storage. That storage wouldn't be  
22 their private resource. It would be located on the grid  
23 to enable the grid to function and operate more  
24 efficiently.

25 Your comments tonight as we're considering

1 these issues will be critical to helping us think about  
2 the things that we need to keep in mind as we look at  
3 these issues. While we understand from reviewing your  
4 comments that your concerns are wide reaching, I hope  
5 many of you will use this opportunity to share your  
6 thoughts on the aspects of this project that we, this  
7 Commission have power over.

8 As Chair Scripps outlined, our job in this  
9 docket is to review the energy contracts between the  
10 utility and the customer. In this case, those contracts  
11 outline a plan for how the utility will serve the data  
12 center customer's load, financial security that the data  
13 center will be required to post as well as other matters  
14 that our COO, Mike Byrne, will outline in his Staff  
15 presentation.

16 We are grateful for this opportunity to  
17 listen to your thoughts and concerns related to these  
18 contracts, and at this points, I'll turn it over to  
19 Commissioner Myers.

20 COMMISSIONER MYERS: Thank you, Commissioner  
21 Peretick. Good evening everyone. I'm Shaquila Myers,  
22 the third Commissioner at the MPSC, and I'm so  
23 appreciative that you would take time out of your  
24 schedules to join this virtual hearing tonight. Several  
25 Commenters have shared that they are worried about the

1 long-term impacts of data centers on the local community  
2 Jackie, commenter 3958 shared concerns about the impacts  
3 such as development -- shared concerns about the impact  
4 such developments could have on small communities.

5 Miriam commenter number 3939 is worried that the  
6 community is absorbing all the risks related to this  
7 development. Stephanie, 3945 is concerned that AI and  
8 related development may be nothing more than a bubble  
9 and fears that communities will be left with, among  
10 other things, empty structures and destroyed lands.

11 Many Commenters have shared concerns over  
12 the tactics used by developer. Erin, 3778, Jackie,  
13 3958, and Jeff, 3833 in the local community which give  
14 rise to concerns over the type of corporate citizen that  
15 is joined in the community. We've also heard from  
16 Commenters who have shared their support of this  
17 application due to the potential to create affordability  
18 benefits for existing customers.

19 As the state looks at the opportunity and  
20 new data centers can bring, we at the Commission know  
21 that there are some real challenges. And as  
22 Commissioner Peretick shared, ensuring that we get it  
23 right is really important. Getting it right is  
24 important for affordability. Getting it right is  
25 important for reliability. Getting it right is

1 important for resource adequacy, and there are a number  
2 of places and ways where we will look at these issues,  
3 whether it's evaluating utility long-term plans, annual  
4 capacity demonstration filings, proposed tariffs that  
5 will govern all large low customers of a specific  
6 utility, or contracts that will govern service for one  
7 customer. Getting it right in each of these areas is  
8 incredibly important, not only for our state, but for  
9 the communities where these data centers locate.

10 As Michigan transitions to a cleaner energy  
11 future with more renewable energy, while at the same  
12 time looking to expand and grow our economic development  
13 opportunities, in some instances with businesses that  
14 will need access to significant amount of energy, it's  
15 important to ensure that we're putting the right  
16 customer protections, long-term planning, and oversight  
17 in place to protect our residents, utilities customers,  
18 energy grid and future economic opportunity.

19 Comments that have been shared in the docket  
20 and those that will be shared tonight are important to  
21 ensuring that we understand the issues that you look at  
22 and say we need to get this issue right. Thank you for  
23 being here. Thank you enough for caring enough to be  
24 here and I look forward to hearing from you tonight.  
25 I'm going to turn it back over to ALJ Staley.

1 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much. Thank  
2 you Chair Scripps, Commissioner Peretick and  
3 Commissioner Myers. Now I'm going to turn things over  
4 to Mike Byrne who will provide an overview of the  
5 proposed contracts. Mr. Byrne.

6 MR. BYRNE: Hi, everyone. I'm Mike Byrne  
7 and I serve as the Chief Operating Officer here at the  
8 MPSC. Tonight I'm going to share briefly about the  
9 application from DTE and discuss a bit about the  
10 Commission's authority and standards governing its  
11 review of the proposed contracts.

12 On October 31st, DTE Electric filed and  
13 application with the Commission seeking approval of two  
14 special contracts with Green Chili Ventures, LLC, which  
15 plans to build and operate an AI data center in Saline  
16 Township. Special contracts that come before the  
17 Commission are often reviewed ex-parte. That means that  
18 the utility comes before the Commission without other  
19 parties intervening, and MPSC's Staff is involved in  
20 reviewing the case, cases that impact the rates and the  
21 cost of service to other customers like rate cases are  
22 reviewed in a contested case process which allows  
23 parties to intervene and become formal participants in  
24 the case. In this instance, DTE says that the proposed  
25 contracts between the utility and a single customer will

1 not impact the rates or terms of service applicable to  
2 other customers and has asked that the contracts be  
3 reviewed ex parte, that is, without a contested case  
4 hearing.

5 Utilities have an obligation to serve both  
6 new and existing customers subject to the customer's  
7 willingness to comply with terms and conditions approved  
8 by the Commission. Those terms and conditions include  
9 things like paying for service and providing access to  
10 utility-owned equipment. Terms and conditions of  
11 utility service are established either through rates and  
12 tariffs developed and approved in utility rate cases or  
13 through Commission approval of special contracts.  
14 Importantly, there are a number of laws that define how  
15 the utility is obligated to serve its customers.  
16 Michigan's law's around long-term planning, integrated  
17 resource plans and annual capacity demonstrations are  
18 designed to ensure the utility has the generating  
19 resources necessary to serve its customers. And  
20 Commission rules and tariffs are structured to keep one  
21 rate class from subsidizing other rate classes.

22 When we look at the utility's obligation to  
23 serve its customers and the Commission's authority  
24 related to that service, it's important to note that a  
25 utility can't refuse to provide service to a customer

1 who wants service and is willing to comply with approved  
2 terms and conditions of service, and the Commission  
3 can't direct the utility not to provide service to such  
4 a customer. That means the utility can't decide whether  
5 or not to provide electricity to data centers.

6 Utilities have a duty to provide safe, reliable  
7 electricity at reasonable rates to all of their  
8 customers, and it is the Commission's job to ensure that  
9 happens. In this particular case, the Commission's  
10 jurisdiction is over the contracts that spell out the  
11 terms and conditions of service that the utility will  
12 provide to the new customer.

13           So DTE filed two special contracts with the  
14 commission for approval. The first of these is a  
15 Primary Supply Agreement. According to the agreement as  
16 filed with the Commission, the customer will take  
17 service under the existing D11 rate. This rate schedule  
18 was most recently approved in the last DTE electric rate  
19 case and is available in DTE Electric's rate book. The  
20 D11 rate is available to any customer who contracts for  
21 a specific amount of energy above 50 kilowatts and it  
22 wants service at primary sub-transmission or  
23 transmission voltage. Taking service under this tariff  
24 ensures that the customer will contribute to fix system  
25 costs, transmission costs and renewable energy costs in

1 the same manner as other large customers taking service  
2 under the tariff.

3 In addition to identifying an existing rate  
4 under which the customer would take service, the  
5 proposed contract includes specific terms intended to  
6 protect other DTE electric customers. These terms  
7 include a minimum contract duration of 19 years.

8 Minimum billing demand, which means that regardless of  
9 how much energy is used by the customer, the customer  
10 will be required to pay for 80% of the contracted  
11 capacity at a minimum. So, if the customer ends up  
12 using less energy than they anticipated, they are still  
13 locked in to pay for that minimum billing demand.

14 Termination payment. If the customer ends  
15 operations earlier than expected, the customer will  
16 still be required to pay at least ten years of the  
17 identified minimum charges. The contract also includes  
18 credit and collateral requirements. This is the part of  
19 the contract that requires the customer to put up  
20 collateral as an assurance that the customer can't close  
21 up shop and leave DTE and DTE's customers with unpaid  
22 costs.

23 The second proposed contract is an Energy  
24 Storage Agreement. Under the terms of this proposed  
25 contract, the customer agrees to pay for 1.4 gigawatts

1 of energy storage facilities over a 15-year period.  
2 These resources would be procured through a combination  
3 of DTE Electric entering into contracts with third-party  
4 providers of energy storage and by DTE Electric  
5 developing, installing and operating battery storage  
6 facilities at various sites across their territory, all  
7 of which would be reviewed in future applications to the  
8 Commission. The appointment of battery storage  
9 facilities to be installed equals the electricity demand  
10 of the data center customer to ensure that DTE will have  
11 enough resources on the grid to meet the added demand  
12 from the new customer. Under the terms of the proposed  
13 contract which includes similar termination payment and  
14 credit and collateral requirements as the PSA, the  
15 customer funding the energy storage facilities would  
16 receive the full value of any market revenues provided  
17 by operating energy storage asset in the wholesale  
18 market. At a high level, this all means that the  
19 contract would require the customer to pay for 1.4  
20 gigawatts of new battery storage, which is enough new  
21 capacity to cover the demand of the new customer. While  
22 the battery storage would be paid for by the new  
23 customer, it would provide benefits to the grid as a  
24 whole.

25 In submitting its application to the

1 Commission, DTE Electric has requested ex parte  
2 consideration of the contracts. Ex parte consideration  
3 of applications can only be used when approval will not  
4 impact the rates of existing electricity customers and  
5 approval will not impact the cost of service for  
6 existing customers. Special contracts with customers  
7 are often reviewed ex parte as the contracts apply only  
8 to a single customer and not to other customers. In  
9 order to review the contracts through the ex parte  
10 process, the Commission would need to find that the  
11 rates and cost of service to other customers will not be  
12 impacted and may grant approval if the Commission finds  
13 the contracts to be reasonable and in the public  
14 interest.

15 As the Chair shared in his comments, the  
16 Commission's authority is defined by law. In this  
17 instance, the Commission has authority related only to  
18 the rates and provision of utility service. A lot of  
19 folks have raised concerns about issues related to  
20 citing, but authority for those issues rests with the  
21 local government, which also oversees any construction  
22 permits that would be necessary for the project.

23 Several Commenters have also expressed  
24 concern about water use. Authority for water issues  
25 rests with the Michigan Department of Environment Great

1 Lakes & Energy or EGLE. We have reached out to EGLE and  
2 they have shared that wetlands and wastewater permits  
3 have been applied for and their review process is  
4 underway. The public comment period for the wetlands  
5 permit is currently open and the Department will be  
6 hosting a public hearing on December 18th to take  
7 comments related to the permit application. Information  
8 is available at the links provided on the slide. I do  
9 just want to note that while the Commission has received  
10 many comments regarding water use concern, it is  
11 important that folks share these concerns directly with  
12 EGLE as they are the ones who have jurisdiction over  
13 these issues.

14 With that, I want to again thank you so much  
15 for joining us tonight and Judge Staley, I will turn it  
16 back over to you.

17 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much, Mike.  
18 All right. We are now going to turn to public comments,  
19 and I'm going to say a few things about that before we  
20 get started. Comments will be limited to three minutes  
21 and one per person. I will have a timer that can be  
22 seen by the participants at the top of the screen for  
23 those participating via Teams and hopefully you can see  
24 that. If you can't see it, I will provide a warning  
25 either as your time is drawing near or when your time is

1 up. At that time, I would kindly ask you to allow the  
2 next person in line to start their comments. You may  
3 make comments through Microsoft Teams or by calling into  
4 the hearing by phone. For individuals participating by  
5 Microsoft Teams, you may click on the raised hand button  
6 at any time to be cued up for comment. For individuals  
7 participating by phone, you may press star 5 to be cued  
8 up for comment. Commenters on both Microsoft Teams and  
9 on the phone are added to the same speaker cue and will  
10 be called upon in the order they enter the speaker cue.  
11 Please do not lower your hand or press star 5 again or  
12 you will be removed from the cue and lose your place in  
13 line. To minimize disruptions, attendees will be muted  
14 until being called upon for public comment. For those  
15 participating on Microsoft Teams, when it is your turn  
16 to comment, please click on the mic button to unmute.  
17 You also have the option to turn on your camera at that  
18 time. For those participating by phone, when it is your  
19 turn to speak, please press start 6 to unmute. As a  
20 reminder, this public comment period is for  
21 Commissioners to listen to comments and concerns, not to  
22 answer specific questions or engage in discussions.  
23 Similarly, I will not be answering questions or engaging  
24 in discussions aside from procedural aspects of  
25 accommodating comments in this public hearing. I will

1 take comments in the order they are cued up and I will  
2 identify you by name or by the last four numbers of your  
3 phone number depending on the information in cue when it  
4 is your turn.

5 Finally, when providing comments, please  
6 indicate your name and where you live if you're willing  
7 to share so that we have that for our records. While I  
8 understand that some providing comments today are  
9 passionate about topics in this public hearing, I  
10 request that all of those commenting do so in a manner  
11 that maintains civility and demonstrates courtesy to and  
12 for all others who are interested in participating in  
13 these proceedings. And with that, it appears that our  
14 first commenter is Sana Navarrette.

15 MS. NAVARRETTE: Hi, there. Good evening  
16 all. I just wanted to say that the Chaldean American  
17 Chamber of Commerce is in support of DTE's request for  
18 approval, and I just want to make sure that -- that we  
19 let you guys know that in strength for the economy,  
20 workforce and energy we really see that this is going to  
21 be benefitting all of our customers. Thank you very  
22 much.

23 JUDGE STALEY: Our next speaker, our next  
24 commenter will be Michael Alaimo. You may be on mute  
25 Mr. Alaimo.

1 MR. ALAIMO: Thank you so much. Apologies  
2 for the technical difficulty. Michael Alaimo with the  
3 Michigan Chamber of Commerce voicing our support for  
4 this application. We really appreciate the Commission  
5 holding this hearing. We think it's a critical part of  
6 the transparency process, and really that was the first  
7 of three lenses we looked through in support of this  
8 project. Again, transparency, environment protections,  
9 and then, of course, any time there is a rate filing in  
10 front of the Commission, it is critical that we're, you  
11 know, looking through and vetting that application to  
12 ensure that the cost of service is following the  
13 statutory obligations under law and that there's no  
14 implication or potential for rates to be passed on to  
15 other rate payers. And so we believe that this proposal  
16 passes those tests and should be approved by the  
17 Commission.

18 We also feel like the ex parte filing is  
19 appropriate for those reasons around cost of service,  
20 etcetera. And so on behalf of the Michigan Chamber, we  
21 support this project. The Chamber represents thousands  
22 of employers from across every sector and county in the  
23 state collectively employing over one million Michigan  
24 residents. Reliable, affordable and clean energy is  
25 essential for these businesses to compete and grow in a

1 global marketplace. After reviewing the proposed  
2 agreements, we believe they offer clear protections for  
3 existing customers and provide system-wide benefits  
4 including grid monitorization that merit prompt  
5 consideration and extend well beyond this project.

6 Data centers have distinct and highly  
7 predictable load characteristics that strengthen the  
8 grid for all users. Their large, steady electricity  
9 consumption with the ability to ramp quickly up or down,  
10 helps offset costs and will help improve grid  
11 flexibility and reliability.

12 Under the Agreement's terms, Green Chili's  
13 Ventures, LLC commits to maintaining at least 80% of its  
14 contracted demand each billing period and fully covering  
15 all costs associated with the necessary distribution and  
16 transmission upgrades and battery storage build out.  
17 Central to our support of this project is that these  
18 terms create critical assurances that the financial  
19 obligations associated with serving this load are borne  
20 by the particular customer, not subsidized by other rate  
21 payers.

22 Importantly, DTE estimates the project  
23 could --

24 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you, Mr. Alaimo. I  
25 hate to interrupt, but your three minutes are up and we

1 have a lot of people here to comment. So I think you  
2 for your comments, and I'm going to move to the next  
3 person, which is Nichole Biber.

4 MS. BIBER: Good evening. My name's Nichole  
5 Keway Biber. I'm a tribal citizen of the Little  
6 Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa. I'm pretty accustomed to  
7 there being a limitation of the topics for  
8 consideration. In this case we are looking at the  
9 request, the ex parte request to expedite approval and  
10 basically go around fulsome public input and any  
11 opportunity we'd have to influence outcomes. Think  
12 about what's outside the jurisdiction of the MPSC, but  
13 it's going to be a whole lot of other entitles where  
14 it's outside their jurisdiction. Probably to think  
15 about something like the lack of AI regulation, this  
16 false narrative that we somehow need it, and meanwhile  
17 as some driving people literally to psychosis.

18 About those excited, it's all linked to  
19 money, this obvious financial self-interest. In terms  
20 of the MPSC, your authority is related to rates, terms  
21 and conditions, and basically they confirm that there's  
22 meaningful guardrails. These meaningful guardrails from  
23 what I've heard so far are all on the assurances of DTE  
24 and the multi-billion dollar corporations that are  
25 pushing AI and data centers on us. That does not, you

1 know, reassure me.

2 Protect rate payers. The way to do that is  
3 by denying permissions at every step. We cannot assume  
4 that these massive industrial footprints are happening  
5 no matter what people say. Time and again that seems to  
6 be the situation we're put in. Oh, it's happening, so  
7 we'll just try and like make it as palatable as  
8 possible.

9 About footing the bill. You know, there's a  
10 continued climate collapse that's going to cost us all  
11 dearly. We're going to be paying for that. To put  
12 these massive energy footprints everywhere, it's going  
13 to exacerbate it, it's keeping combustible fossil fuels  
14 online, and we're the ones who pay for that. Why don't  
15 have the spoke bunkers we can build. We don't have  
16 fantasies of flying to Mars. We need to stop pretending  
17 that razing green spaces, razing them down and trusting  
18 profit motivated corporations to do anything besides  
19 grab the taxpayers and break their promises about jobs.

20 Get it right. The way to do that is be  
21 realistic about the actual cost to rate payers, to our  
22 water, to our mental health and the long-term needs of  
23 the public you serve.

24 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much. The  
25 next commenter is Randall Whittaker.

1 MR. WHITAKER: Thank you. My name is  
2 Randall Whittaker and I am the President of the  
3 Washtenaw County Skilled Building Trades Council. I'm  
4 here to speak in support of the application. As someone  
5 who works in and supports Michigan Skilled Trades, a  
6 project like this data center is huge for workers. It's  
7 going to create thousands of union construction jobs,  
8 around 450 permanent on-site jobs, and thousands more  
9 jobs across the region while delivering millions in  
10 local revenue.

11 This project is dramatically different from  
12 other data centers as it is designed to be lead  
13 certified and does not utilize high water use  
14 evaporative cooling, but instead uses a closed loop air  
15 cooling system ensuring minimal impact on local  
16 resources. This facility will use about the same amount  
17 of water as a typically office building.

18 This project also helps keep high tech work  
19 anchored here in Michigan by investing in Michigan's  
20 strong skilled workforce and bringing advanced  
21 infrastructure to our area. This project helps keep  
22 high tech work anchored locally rather than being  
23 outsourced. That means better opportunities for our  
24 workers, their families and the next generation entering  
25 skilled trades or tech fields.

1 I support this project because it represents  
2 one of the largest economic investments in Michigan's  
3 history and delivers significant benefits to Saline  
4 Township and the region. Thank you.

5 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much. The  
6 next commenter is Christopher Slat.

7 MR. SLAT: Hello. I'm speaking because I  
8 have some serious concerns about the renewable energy  
9 side of this and how it could affect rates. I'm a DTE  
10 customer, and in February I installed rooftop solar  
11 panels at my house at my own expense. It's really  
12 amazing technology. I could talk for three minutes just  
13 about that, but my favorite aspect of it is I have an  
14 app where I can see what it's produced over the past  
15 year or almost a year since February I got installed. I  
16 produced 5 megawatt hours and exported 1.8 megawatt  
17 hours back to the grid. Now I thought I was helping. I  
18 thought I was cleaning up DTE's grid. This data center  
19 has a peak load of 1.4 gigawatts. So on one hour, it  
20 can use 280 times more than my solar panels produce in  
21 an entire year. So as a consumer of DTE and someone who  
22 invested in their rooftop solar program, I feel a little  
23 betrayed by this, and I think this could put a chilling  
24 effect on other people who are trying to get into the  
25 rooftop solar program.

1                   As you know, DTE has expectations for  
2 renewable energy and so does the state, so did the  
3 federal government at one time, and they have basically  
4 said on their application, hey, don't worry about it.  
5 We have so many renewable energy credits which I think  
6 the Public Service Commission should do a whole 'nother  
7 investigation into because it is not really a solution  
8 to the climate problem, and they a say, hey, we have so  
9 many credits that we could meet our goals by only  
10 bringing on maybe 443 megawatts of renewable energy by  
11 2032. In other words, 30% of what this site uses in one  
12 hour. So, you know, I think this is a very complicated  
13 topic. We have 5,000 comments as you said, we have 852  
14 people in the meeting right now. This demands scrutiny,  
15 especially because these questions are going to come  
16 around again and again. Our environment deserves  
17 scrutiny, DTE customers deserve scrutiny, and I think  
18 that passing this with an ex parte approval is frankly  
19 insane. I think it deserves scrutiny, and take your  
20 time with this, and at least give all of us citizens  
21 confidence that this is being done in a slow,  
22 deliberate, fair and transparent process because most of  
23 us do not feel that way right now. Thank you.

24                   JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much. The  
25 next Michael Jackson, Jr., followed by Jane Finkbeiner.

1 Michael Jackson, Jr., it's your time to provide  
2 comments. You may be on mute. Okay. I am going to  
3 move on I will --

4 MR. JACKSON: This is Mike Jackson. Can you  
5 hear me?

6 JUDGE STALEY: Oh, yes, I can now thank you  
7 so much.

8 MR. JACKSON: I am so sorry. I had  
9 technical difficulties. But my name is Mike Jackson.  
10 I'm a representative of the Carpenter's Union, the MRCC,  
11 and I am speaking in support of Related Digital Saline  
12 project. I'd like to echo the other skilled trade  
13 representatives who know that this multi-billion dollar  
14 infrastructure investment represents a historic  
15 opportunity for Michigan Skilled Trades creating  
16 thousands of good paying jobs and delivering millions in  
17 local revenue. These construction workers are all from  
18 the local trades in the area, but the trades not having  
19 any issues with providing the local manpower.

20 The impact of this project with the Skilled  
21 Trades is exponentially positive with not only the  
22 highest paid wages, but healthcare and retirement  
23 opportunities. And because of the state's 2024 Data  
24 Center Law, none of infrastructure costs fall on rate  
25 payers. So we stand in support of approving DTE's

1 request, and I thank everybody for their time today.

2 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much. Next  
3 commenter will be Jane Finkbeiner, followed by Gretchen  
4 Driskell. And Ms. Finkbeiner, you may be on mute.  
5 Okay. I will move on. I'll try to reserve Ms.  
6 Finkbeiner, but we will move on to Gretchen Driskell  
7 followed by Bryan Smigielski. So Gretchen Driskell.  
8 Are you there, Ms. Driskell? Okay. I will now move on  
9 to Bryan Smigielski followed by Josh Fraley. Mr.  
10 Smigielski.

11 MR. SMIGIELSKI: Yes. Can you hear me?

12 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Thank you.

13 MR. SMIGIELSKI: Okay. Great. My name's  
14 Bryan Smigielski. I'm with the Sierra Club. I'm  
15 commenting to ask the Commission to deny Related Digital  
16 and DTE's request for ex parte approval of the single  
17 largest electrical load request in Michigan's history.  
18 Michiganders are being asked and it remains to be seen  
19 if we will be forced to subsidize a gigawatt scale  
20 gamble for a speculative AI project that has never  
21 turned a profit via a secret deal behind closed doors.

22 For a project of this unprecedented  
23 magnitude to be fast-tracked with heavily-redacted  
24 contracts so that companies like Oracle and Open AI can  
25 in the words of DTE's own CEO when asked why the rush so

1 that they can compete against each other to capture that  
2 demand, a demand they don't even know will exist. This  
3 is beyond reckless and it exposes us all to risks none  
4 of us asked for a future none of us have consented to.

5 If the entire economic viability of this  
6 project hinges on the Commission's giving them a  
7 shortcut so they can maybe win a race against other  
8 speculative ventures, then what they are really  
9 admitting is that Oracle has not yet secured long-term  
10 demand for this data center. If their entire business  
11 case collapses under the timelines needed to  
12 holistically plan, engage with public scrutiny and  
13 factor in risks, then its entire business model does not  
14 work in Michigan. If demand for the data center isn't  
15 secure enough to withstand a few months of critical  
16 scrutiny, then it's not secure enough for us to start  
17 building hundreds of millions in new grid infrastructure  
18 for it. This should be obvious. This demand in  
19 security logic behind the request for expedited approval  
20 is the very reason it must be denied. Approval would  
21 clearly be a betrayal of public interest.

22 So there's this statewide resistance that's  
23 growing to these secretive deals, and it will continue  
24 to grow because no one in the public knows the details  
25 of the heavily-redacted plans. Now one knows exactly

1 how DTE plans to generate the 1.4 gigawatts of  
2 electricity, nor the 7 gigawatts of new demand in its  
3 pipeline or where the infrastructure would be built,  
4 what it would mean for our water, ecosystems and climate  
5 or how absorbing that scale of demand will strain the  
6 grid and drive up energy bills one, five or ten further  
7 years down the road when the AI market hysteria has  
8 leveled out. No one knows if DTE's renewable build  
9 schedule will be able to keep up with this data center's  
10 needs or DTE's future plans. And no one knows if AI  
11 will ever be profitable enough to pay the billions in  
12 new construction and energy cost that could get pushed  
13 onto the rest of us. With all these risks, it is  
14 reckless, genuinely dangerous to fast-track this project  
15 or any future AI data center project behind redactions  
16 and corporate promises. This Commission has a choice.  
17 Deny the ex parte and be heros for the people, please,  
18 or fold to corporate interests and face the bi-partisan  
19 fury of Michiganders uniting to protect there home and  
20 to put a halt against this recklessness. Thank you.

21 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. The next  
22 commenter will be Josh Fraley followed by Michelle  
23 Martinez. Mr. Fraley.

24 MR. FRALEY: Can you hear me?

25 JUDGE STALEY: I can.

1 MR. FRALEY: Okay. My name is Josh Fraley.  
2 I live on Michigan Avenue in Saline Township,  
3 specifically the property immediately adjacent to the  
4 project site. The project is quite literally in my back  
5 yard. From my back porch I watch the earth movers  
6 already working on the project site. Spoken many times  
7 at our local Township meetings in support of the overall  
8 project. It's not because I like data centers, AI or  
9 big tech companies. Quite the opposite actually. My  
10 original reaction was the same as most people. I fear  
11 noise, light pollution, the possibility of our home well  
12 running dry. However, after learning about the project  
13 details, my original fears were largely addressed. Of  
14 course I wish it would stay as farmland, but the  
15 property was going to be sold and developed into some  
16 non-farm use, and I believe this project is actually the  
17 least objectionable path forward for that land.

18 As to tonight's specific question of the  
19 fast-tracked process requested by DTE, I do have  
20 concerns with DTE's request. Public comments I've seen  
21 and heard, including tonight, all revolve around the  
22 cost associated with the project being transferred to  
23 the overall customer base of DTE, including myself.  
24 Both DTE and Related Digital state that no electric  
25 utility cost will be transferred to other customers.

1 Simply the customers will be protected and the data  
2 center project will pay its own way. Assuming that is  
3 true, it should be quite simple for that to be codified  
4 in ironclad legal language. I'm an engineer, not a  
5 lawyer, so the 148-page heavily-redacted contract makes  
6 it difficult to understand the exact terms that DTE is  
7 proposing and what safeguards will be in place for  
8 average citizens like me.

9 My request tonight to this Commission is  
10 simple. Whether or not the fast-tracked approval is  
11 granted, it is imperative that customers be protected.  
12 Those protections truly are already in place and the  
13 redactions in the contract are innocuous and not really  
14 important. Then perhaps it is just a matter of  
15 distilling that information down so that it can be more  
16 easily understood by regular customers. If those  
17 protections are not in place, I request this Commission  
18 represent and protect the citizens of Michigan and  
19 ensure that such language be locked in to any contract  
20 or other agreement that comes under the MPSC's  
21 jurisdiction. Thank you.

22 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. The next  
23 commenter will be Michelle Martinez followed by Dennis  
24 Aguirre. I apologize if I'm mispronouncing that. Ms.  
25 Martinez.

1 MS. MARTINEZ: Hi. My name is Michelle  
2 Martinez, and I'm an employee of the University of  
3 Michigan and a resident of Detroit, Michigan. I'm  
4 calling as a Detroiter who's concerned for my neighbors,  
5 my neighbors, my friends and family who struggle to pay  
6 DTE bills. All over the city I can see people really  
7 struggling financially. I know that DTE Energy shuts  
8 off over 250 homes every year because of nonpayment, and  
9 in the inflation economy, that has the risk of growing  
10 exponentially.

11 DTE in its filings is not being upfront  
12 about what it's going to take to build out the power and  
13 to pay for the infrastructure and the transmission for  
14 this data center. The data center of 1.4 gigawatts  
15 amounts to 10% of the total peak load, and while that's  
16 clear in the statement, they're also telling their  
17 shareholders that it has a potential for a colocation of  
18 three to four additional gigawatts, and in the media  
19 saying seven gigawatt load. Currently, there's no large  
20 load tariff for DTE Energy, and this could have the risk  
21 of being precedent setting. Of the where is the rate  
22 design. There's no evidence of a clear rate design for  
23 the \$200 million of cost in transmission. They propose  
24 an 80% cost recovery. Anybody on this call knows that  
25 if they try to pay 80% of their mortgage payment or 80%

1 of their rent, that would not go through.

2 The attorney general noted in filing that  
3 the DTE application fails to demonstrate that its  
4 terminations fees would protect rate payers. They  
5 proposed ten-year minimum monthly charges, but the PSA  
6 governing services for approximately 19 years leaving  
7 roughly nine years of unprotected termination payment.  
8 Capital flight and the AI bubble would put all of us at  
9 risk, be on the hook for these payments, low income  
10 people all over Michigan regardless of where data  
11 centers are cited are at risk for holding the bag for  
12 billionaires and trillionaires.

13 The equity issuances and DTE's shareholder  
14 reports account for \$3.5 billion just for their DC  
15 growth. This is an enormous risk to rate payers. We  
16 are already struggling to pay DTE bills under a  
17 crumbling, crumbling infrastructure. These are very  
18 real threats not only to the cost of our bills but to  
19 increased downstream pollution and to the displacement  
20 of water. Scope 3 assessments and Scope 2 assessments  
21 would simply assure only that increased energy is needed  
22 and that water consumption would happen at the point  
23 source pollution site of power generation. Not only  
24 this, but having an ex parte. Reject the ex parte.  
25 Reject the ex parte.

1 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. The next  
2 commenter is Dennis Aguirre, followed by Chris Morgan.

3 MR. AGUIRRE: Good evening. My name's  
4 Dennis Aguirre. I'm the President of Ironworker's Local  
5 25. I represent 2,500 active members, 64 out of the 68  
6 counties in lower Michigan, including Washtenaw. I  
7 speak in support of the approval of the DTE application.  
8 With the 1.6 million in tax revenue through 2039, eight  
9 million for the area school systems, eight million for  
10 the fire department, four million for the Farmland  
11 Preservation Trust, and another two million for the  
12 Community Investment Fund. I believe that with those  
13 benefits coming to the residents and the communities in  
14 Saline, along with the union jobs that this will create,  
15 it's too big an investment not to move forward with. I  
16 understand that uncertainty scares people, you know, but  
17 we have to be honest with ourselves. AI is the future,  
18 and we've been hearing that for the last decade of how  
19 to keep and attract people to Michigan, keep our talent  
20 for track and labor in the State of Michigan. And with  
21 AI being the future, if we do not evolve and adapt and  
22 grasp it, we will be left behind. Thank you very much  
23 for your time.

24 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. Next commenter is  
25 Chris Morgan followed by someone on the telephone with

1 last four numbers of 6851. I'll turn it over to Chris  
2 Morgan.

3 MR. MORGAN: Hi. It's Chris. Can you hear  
4 me?

5 JUDGE STALEY: Yes. Go ahead.

6 MR. MORGAN: Thank you. My name is Chris  
7 Morgan. I live at 6090 Bethel Church Road in Saline,  
8 Michigan, about seven miles from the Saline data center.  
9 I was married at St. Paul's United Church of Christ,  
10 downtown Saline. I moved to Saline in 1999, and all  
11 three of my children attended Saline High School.

12 In addition I'm vice president Walbridge,  
13 the company that will oversee the data center project  
14 here in Saline. I want to talk to you about two things.  
15 First and foremost, Walbridge's commitment to build the  
16 project responsibly. Secondly, about the positive  
17 impact of this project on the Michigan construction  
18 industry. First to Walbridge. Who are we. We're a 106  
19 year old Michigan company. We are currently building  
20 data centers elsewhere, Indiana, Ohio, Virginia and  
21 Texas. We know how to execute these projects and do  
22 them right. We plan for the Saline project to be one of  
23 the best yet. We've incorporated best practices in  
24 these other projects into the Saline project's logistic  
25 plan to minimize the impact to local residents, local

1 traffic, the local environment and the Saline River.  
2 You don't just have our company's commitment, you have  
3 my personal commitment as a Saline resident that this  
4 project will be constructed responsibly.

5 As for the positive impact to the Michigan  
6 construction industry, as I mentioned, we're building  
7 data centers in other states. Both Walbridge's people  
8 and the union trades men and women are having to travel  
9 away from home to work on these projects in these other  
10 states. Construction people have to go where the jobs  
11 are. This project will be built with union craft labor,  
12 approximately 2,500 workers on site at peak. These will  
13 be blue collar jobs, all paying good wages, benefits and  
14 pensions to these workers. These workers will spend  
15 their hard earned dollars locally, regionally and all in  
16 the State of Michigan. The project will also allow the  
17 opportunity to grow the salary and hourly range to the  
18 construction workforce in Michigan. Too often younger  
19 people shy away from a career in construction because of  
20 job security or the travel requirements. This project  
21 will provide an incredible opportunity to attract and  
22 grow this critical Michigan industry. Thank you for  
23 your time today.

24 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much. The  
25 next commenter is on the phone with the last four

1 numbers of -- oh, I just lost it. Okay I think you --  
2 they appear to have disappeared from the cue. Hold on  
3 just a second. All right. They appear to have  
4 withdrawn from the cue.

5 MR. MINTON: Can you hear me?

6 JUDGE STALEY: Oh, yes. Go ahead. Thank  
7 you.

8 MR. MINTON: Good evening, Commissioners.  
9 My name is Dan Minton. I'm the business manager of  
10 Labors Local 499 a building trade union in the  
11 construction industry covers nine counties in Michigan,  
12 including Washtenaw County where our local union is  
13 headquartered. In this role, I oversee the day-to-day  
14 operation of the local union, which includes placing  
15 members on job sites, engaging with contractors and  
16 ensuring our members have the training and skills needed  
17 to safely complete their jobs. In this capacity that I  
18 come before you tonight to urge you to approve DTE's  
19 request in the case U-21990 dealing with the approval of  
20 special energy fulfillment contracts.

21 As the business manager of our local trades  
22 union that represents hundreds of members in Washtenaw  
23 County, I can say confidently that the approval of these  
24 contracts which would lead to the construction of the  
25 Stargate data center would be substantial community

1 benefit. This project will create thousands of good  
2 paying jobs locally and across the country, specifically  
3 2,500 union construction jobs, 450 jobs onsite, and  
4 thousands of jobs across the region. Many of those jobs  
5 would be for members of labors union who live in or near  
6 Saline Township. By investing in Michigan's skilled  
7 workforce and bringing advanced infrastructure to our  
8 area, this project keeps highly skilled trades workers  
9 anchored locally rather than being outsourced. That  
10 means better opportunities for our members, their  
11 families and the next generations of tradesmen and women  
12 supporting the ever evolving world of industrial  
13 development.

14 Additionally, this project would not  
15 increase energy cost for any rate payers. The project  
16 will fully fund all utility cost impacts. When Michigan  
17 passed it's most recent data center legislation, the  
18 state included clear language making sure that any  
19 infrastructure upgrade is needed for a data center  
20 cannot be pushed on to rate payers. That means the  
21 project pays for the upgrades, not community members.

22 In closing, this project is a responsible  
23 job creating community development that will bring  
24 additional tax revenue to Saline township. From our  
25 perspective utilities and the developers have worked in

1 good faith to engage community stakeholders to ensure  
2 that this project is the best version possible. Members  
3 of labors local 499 are eager to get to work building on  
4 this project. Thank you for your time. Good evening.

5 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. The next  
6 commenter will be Ron Smith followed by Eric Hartsfield.  
7 Mr. Smith. You may be on mute. Okay. I will move on  
8 to Eric Hartsfield followed by Tammie Bruneau. Mr.  
9 Hartsfield.

10 MR. HARTSFIELD: Good evening,  
11 Commissioners. Can you hear me?

12 JUDGE STALEY: Yes. Thank you. Go ahead.

13 MR. HARTSFIELD: Hi. I'm here this evening  
14 to attempt to convey my concern for the ex parte  
15 approval of DTE contract. I feel incapable of  
16 explaining appropriately my concern to approving a  
17 contract for so much money that could have so much  
18 potential future costs that would leave us with stranded  
19 assets. As I've learned from listening to the case for  
20 Consumers Energy, and since this is the first of DTE's  
21 steps towards taking care of data center customers, I  
22 just feel it's really important that we take the time to  
23 get it right. In my personal profession, I'm a  
24 pharmacist. I regularly work in staff in the emergency  
25 department. When people come in in emergent situations,

1 it's very important that we act quickly. However, in  
2 the effort to act quickly and save people's lives, that  
3 does not take away from the necessity for me to assess  
4 what medications they may have been on, check to see  
5 what is going on with their health, and make sure that  
6 we take the appropriate steps to take care of them. And  
7 in that regard, I'm urging you to please make DTE's ex  
8 parte approval a contested case as requested by AG Dana  
9 Nessel and a number of other people so that we can take  
10 the time to go through the contract, get the information  
11 out in the open and look through to know what is truly  
12 there as opposed to assuming that it's just a good faith  
13 contract between two parties.

14 I know that having watched many, many videos  
15 on your YouTube channel, all three of you profess to be  
16 very interested in taking care of the public interest.  
17 You're worried about the future of stranded assets and  
18 making sure that we're protected. So I believe the best  
19 circumstance for that would be to have this be a  
20 contested case. And as one of the Detroit natives might  
21 say, you only get one shot. Do not miss your chance.  
22 This opportunity comes once in a lifetime. Thank you.

23 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. I am going to  
24 return to Ron Smith as the next commenter and that will  
25 be followed by Tammie Bruneau. Mr. Smith.

1 MR. SMITH: Can you hear me?

2 JUDGE STALEY: I can.

3 MR. SMITH: Oh, finally. Okay. Thank you.

4 JUDGE STALEY: Go ahead.

5 MR. SMITH: Good evening Commissioners and  
6 others. My name is Ron Smith. I'm speaking on behalf  
7 of Macomb Defenders Rising, a grassroots indivisible  
8 affiliated movement committed to protecting communities  
9 and advocating for policies that advance justice, equity  
10 and environmental responsibility, which is why we're  
11 speaking out on this project. It impacts all Michigan  
12 families. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on  
13 DTE's application for the proposed 1.4 gigawatt data  
14 center in Saline Township. This project is enormous.  
15 Equivalent in electricity use to over one million homes  
16 and will strain local water systems and increase  
17 pollution, yet it provides very few long-term jobs after  
18 construction to justify that impact.

19 DTE uses the language of innovation, but  
20 this is a massive industrial load that will  
21 fundamentally change Michigan's energy demand. Under  
22 the state's 2023 Clean Energy Law, a jump in energy  
23 demand like this will give DTE a Milton loophole to  
24 delay the transition to clean energy, expand fossil fuel  
25 use and build more gas infrastructure, all at the

1 expense of Michigan families.

2 We are already facing rising costs in food,  
3 housing, healthcare and electricity. If this contract  
4 is approved without strong enforceable protections, DTE  
5 will likely shift the cost of powering this data center  
6 onto rate payers. History shows that they have done  
7 exactly that with past infrastructure projects.

8 Chair Scripps emphasizes protecting  
9 residential and business customers from bearing these  
10 costs, a priority we strongly support, but we need  
11 transparency and binding guarantees on cost allocation,  
12 infrastructure expansion and emissions impact. Without  
13 them, the data center becomes a blank check for DTE and  
14 Michigan families will pay the price. For these reason  
15 we urge the Commission to reject this contract outright.  
16 Our communities should not subsidize a project that  
17 increases energy demand, weakens clean energy progress  
18 and exposes families to long-term economic and  
19 environmental harm. Thank you for your time on behalf  
20 myself and Macomb Defenders Rising. Thank you.

21 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. The next person  
22 providing comment will be Tammie Bruneau followed by  
23 Audrey Bourriaud.

24 MR. BRUNEAU: Hi. My name is actually Tim  
25 Bruneau, not Tammie.

1 JUDGE STALEY: Sorry about that.

2 MR. BRUNEAU: It's okay. It's all right.

3 I'm a resident of Saline Township for 21 years. I lived  
4 in Saline City for about five, and a resident of  
5 Washtenaw County where Saline is located my entire life.  
6 Our community and our state are under siege by corporate  
7 greed and political overreach from a billion dollar  
8 company and a monopolizing utility company bullying a  
9 small rural township of limited resources. DTE should  
10 not be allowed to circumvent MPSC process and public  
11 scrutiny. Over the years they have proved to be  
12 unreliable and underhanded. This whole project began in  
13 July and Related Digital wanted to start construction by  
14 October 1st. The entire project was fast-tracked and  
15 now DTE wants to do the same. The citizens of Michigan  
16 deserve to understand the ramifications of this project.

17 In 2023 it took DTE longer in Michigan than  
18 any other state to restore power during an outage,  
19 around 12 hours, and we pay some of the highest rates,  
20 if not the highest rates in the country. DTE plans to  
21 prioritize power to these data centers over citizens.  
22 At a recent Saline Township meeting, I asked a DTE rep  
23 who was present who got priority in an outage. He said  
24 one, hospitals fire and police, two, senior citizen  
25 facilities, and he stopped short on number three. When

1 I asked if data centers were number three, he refuse to  
2 the reply. At one of the open houses held by Related  
3 Digital they told us that DTE reached out to them  
4 because they have excess power on the grid. Now DTE  
5 wants to build a \$300 million substation to support the  
6 project.

7 In a recent article by Bloomberg, AI data  
8 centers are sending wholesale electricity costs soaring,  
9 increases as much as 267% more than they did just five  
10 years ago. Who's paying for this. We need guarantees  
11 that we will not be paying for the infrastructure to  
12 support this data center. It could not be more obvious  
13 that they are trying to fast track this project because  
14 they are unable to meet the demands and want to have us  
15 citizens pay for the upgrades and line their pockets  
16 with money. DTE and Related Digital want this project  
17 to be treated as critical infrastructure like a  
18 hospital, a school or a road, while it's not critical  
19 and there's no demonstrated need for a data center in  
20 Saline Township.

21 Furthermore, the tax revenue and tax money  
22 for schools and the community will not go to the schools  
23 and community, particularly with all the tax incentives  
24 provided. It is a shell game created by Related Digital  
25 and DTE to make people feel like the project has some

1 redeeming quality for the community.

2 It is also in Related Digital's paperwork to  
3 discharge water containing glycol, a primary ingredient  
4 in antifreeze into the Saline River.

5 JUDGE STALEY: Mr. Bruneau, Mr. Bruneau,  
6 your times has expired. I appreciate your comments, but  
7 we need to move on to the next commenter, who will be  
8 Audrey Bourriaud followed by Julie Parrish.

9 MS. BOURRIAUD: Can you hear me?

10 JUDGE STALEY: Now I can. Yes. Go ahead.

11 MS. BOURRIAUD: All right. Thank you very  
12 much. My name is Audrey Bourriaud. I'm speaking on my  
13 own name and also on the behalf of Indivisible, Detroit  
14 Chapter, We, the People, Dissent. I want to register my  
15 strongest opposition to the project of a data center in  
16 Saline, Michigan. I think this project is an  
17 environmental, and energetic and social suicide. I wish  
18 to talk about the social suicide. Some people here have  
19 like been I think a little bit delusional when they were  
20 talking about the number of jobs that this data center  
21 would actually bring to Michigan. That is being very  
22 shortsighted. Maybe indeed deconstruction workers would  
23 be employed by a few thousands for the time of the  
24 construction, but then, what about the fact that AI like  
25 actually is going to destroy the network of jobs in the

1 United States. If I'm just looking at like the expected  
2 numbers that AI is going to destroy, we're talking about  
3 100 million dollars in the US. We're talking about 40%  
4 of registered nurse who are going to lose their jobs  
5 because of AI. 47% of drivers, truck drivers, 64% of  
6 accountants, 65% of teaching assistants, 89% of  
7 fast-food workers, and the list goes on and on and on  
8 and on. So it's extremely shortsighted that this data  
9 center is going to fix a job employment situation in  
10 Michigan. Nothing could be less, less true and far from  
11 the truth.

12 The second point is really the energetic  
13 suicide but Mr. Bruneau spoke eloquently about this  
14 point just before me, so I'm not going to talk too much  
15 about it. I would just like to add that fossil fuel  
16 energy that is powering like some energy that we use  
17 with DTE is really something of the past and we cannot  
18 rely on it. Building a data center of that size is just  
19 really not helpful with the need of like cutting on our  
20 fossil fuel use.

21 The last one is the environmental suicide.  
22 We know for sure as experts, I've been sharing that for  
23 like now several years, that we're going to face a  
24 shortage of fresh water in the next five years. I have  
25 obviously read great water experts like International

1 Expert on Water, they are all adamant, in five years  
2 about two humans out of five won't have access to fresh  
3 water. And I think it's absolutely no, no wonder that  
4 AI companies, AI developers have their eyes on Michigan  
5 because of the enormous amount of fresh water that is  
6 available here. So they prey on us, they prey on  
7 Michigan. I think this is a terrible situation and I  
8 cannot see, you know, how we should move forward.

9 JUDGE STALEY: Ms. Bourriaud, I'd like to  
10 thank you for your comments today. We're going to move  
11 on to Julie Parrish followed by Cody Gilbert. Julie  
12 Parrish.

13 MS. PARRISH: Hello.

14 JUDGE STALEY: We can hear you. Go ahead.

15 MS. PARRISH: Hi. Can you still hear me?

16 JUDGE STALEY: Yes.

17 MS. PARRISH: Hi. I'm a resident of Saline,  
18 Michigan. I am very concerned looking at what's  
19 happening in Northern Virginia right now, I'm in direct  
20 opposition to what's going on here. US Department of  
21 Energy warned Northern Virginia customers that they  
22 would face more than 400 hours of power outages annually  
23 by 2030 compared to a current average of a couple of  
24 hours a year. The reason is the AI centers that have  
25 flooded the area. The high energy demand for data

1 centers cause power quality issues, which can destroy  
2 Consumers electronics, the soaring cost and the upgrades  
3 needed to serve AI centers contribute to rising  
4 electrical bills. It's becoming a major political issue  
5 in Virginia. And also regulators are only attempting to  
6 manage the situation. Once their in, it becomes nearly  
7 impossible to try to govern these people. We are giving  
8 another natural resource over to the oligarchy and this  
9 is not right. We will all pay the price as the  
10 plebeians of this state. That is what they're doing  
11 here. I relinquish my time. Thank you.

12 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. All right. Cody  
13 Gilbert followed by Gregory looks like Ptucha. Cody  
14 Gilbert.

15 MR. GILBERT: Hi. Can you hear me?

16 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

17 MR. GILBERT: Hi. My name's Cody Gilbert.  
18 I'm a resident in Cadillac, Michigan, and I'm here in  
19 support of my neighbors in Saline. And I'm here because  
20 I wanted to express that I oppose the data center  
21 project entirely in Saline. Data centers are concerning  
22 for people across Michigan. Other people before me have  
23 spoken about the climate concerns, and I'm not going to  
24 go over these again, but I would like to add that  
25 Michigan has a healthy climate plan in effect already,

1 and in that climate plan is expressed that we should  
2 avoid taking actions that will make it more difficult  
3 for us to reach carbon neutrality. A project the uses  
4 thousands of gallons of water and tons of electricity,  
5 enough for thousands of homes is not advancing that  
6 goal. And what good is additional tax revenue and we're  
7 set with climate disasters in the future that are going  
8 to be taking lives across the globe and are already  
9 affecting our lives here in Michigan.

10           There's been discussion about creating  
11 construction jobs. Those are temporary. AI is set to  
12 take millions of jobs, including my own. I'm in an  
13 industry where my job is at risk. Building these are  
14 literally speeding up our own job loss and I cannot  
15 support that. Data centers are for the benefit of  
16 millionaires and billionaires creating AI and not the  
17 rest of us. Thank you very much for your time.

18           JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. Next will be  
19 Gregory Ptucha followed by the initials MW.

20           MR. PTUCHA: This is Greg Ptucha. I presume  
21 you can hear me.

22           JUDGE STALEY: Sure. Yes. Thank you. I'm  
23 sorry. I mispronounced your name. Go ahead.

24           MR. PTUCHA: That's fine. A large crowd  
25 does that. I'm a Detroit resident along with my wife.

1 We're DTE customers. Part of my fundamental concern  
2 about this is my own lack of trust in DTE as a for  
3 profit electrical provider. And I am a former employee  
4 of Sacramento Municipal Utility District in California,  
5 so I've got a little bit of knowledge of electrical in  
6 the industry. I have a broad range of concerns that  
7 have been expressed by many others regarding the full  
8 scope of impacts that this project might create, but I  
9 understand the limited scope of what you as  
10 Commissioners are able to consider relative to this  
11 contract request. I think the most fundamental issue  
12 that you should concern yourself with would be to reject  
13 it as an ex-parte contract approval and to go with it as  
14 a contested project. And the reasons that data centers  
15 are a whole different animal, they're brand new concept  
16 and the scope and the breadth and the demand and the  
17 cost I think requires that nothing be fast-tracked in  
18 this instance at this early stage in this industry, and  
19 that all of the heavily-redacted contracts. You can  
20 still protect what is purely proprietary information,  
21 but to better understand the full depth of the  
22 relationships here between DTE and their other partners,  
23 the legal partners in these contracts. And the most  
24 important part I think is to fully understand how these  
25 LLCs are structured in order such as the fellow from

1 Saline said, the lawyer, LLCs are structured for limited  
2 liability meaning that there's no real guarantee that  
3 anyone's going to be able to belly up to bar and pay  
4 their tab if these things go south. And so unless those  
5 ironclad guarantees are really structured into this kind  
6 of arrangement, I think all these assurances that  
7 there's going to be no cost to utility customers and  
8 that everyone's going to pay their tab at the end of the  
9 day, I just think that's, I think that's illusory. So  
10 those are the extent of my comments oh, I hope you  
11 consider them seriously. Thank you.

12 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. We will move on  
13 to comments from the initials MW followed by a phone  
14 number ending in 6541. So MW.

15 MS. WIDERQUIST: Hi. Can you hear me?

16 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

17 MS. WIDERQUIST: My name is Marilla  
18 Widerquist and I'm a resident of Saline and I'm  
19 adamantly opposed to the ex parte approval. The Saline  
20 Township Board voted down the data center proposal and  
21 Related Digital said that they wouldn't fight that and  
22 would go elsewhere, but instead turned around and sued  
23 the Township pressuring them to settle. I feel like  
24 having public input is the bare minimum that residents  
25 should get given this. It's clear that residents want

1 to have a voice and that this is a way that DTE is  
2 trying to avoid accountability. We've had issues with  
3 DTE outages in the past and I don't have confidence in  
4 their ability to protect rate payers provide the  
5 services that we already pay for, and I believe that we  
6 need full transparency throughout this process.

7           Related Digital threatened to abandon the  
8 project if the ex-parte isn't approved, which is clearly  
9 a scare tactic to pressure DTE into moving this forward  
10 at the expense of the voice of residents and rate  
11 payers. I think the comments about the temporary  
12 construction job creation is moot if rate hikes force  
13 current residents from their homes due to it being  
14 unaffordable to live here. Those that are for the ex  
15 parte approval represent business interest and not the  
16 average resident, which has been made clear with the  
17 comments made tonight. I urge the Commission to please  
18 reject the ex parte approval I thank you for your time.

19           JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. I may have  
20 misspoken. I have next on the cue Claire, which will  
21 then be followed by the phone number ending in 6541. So  
22 Clair. You may be on mute.

23           MS. MAITRE: Hello. Can you hear me?

24           JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

25           MS. MAITRE: Thank you for having this

1 hearing. And my name is Claire Maitre and I'm a  
2 resident of Washtenaw County. And my first comment here  
3 after listening to the explanation in the beginning of  
4 this hearing about how this ex parte is coming about and  
5 the reasons for it. My first thought is that this is  
6 not a normal request that is trying to follow normal  
7 protocol for approving an ex parte request. Treating a  
8 large gobbling entity as a common customer, same as  
9 myself paying my DTE bills, seems a bit ludicrous. And  
10 I know that there large corporate and institutional  
11 customers of DTE as well, but it does seem like this is  
12 way, way outside the ballpark of what we've seen before.  
13 And considering that, it seems like the use of the ex  
14 parte method to push past the objections of the public  
15 is just a ruse. And I'm really appreciative of the last  
16 speaker who kind of outlined how that it happened  
17 because I wasn't sure.

18 So that brings me to a third comment here,  
19 and that is that in order for people like the average  
20 person, the average DTE customer, the average Washtenaw  
21 County resident, the average Michigan resident to be  
22 able to understand what is going on here, you have to be  
23 able to attend several meetings and several hearings,  
24 one for the environmental, one for this, one for that,  
25 and it's really hard to understand what's happening and

1 to try to be heard by the people who are make decisions  
2 on this. It seems to be that the data center, the whole  
3 idea of data centers in Michigan should be following a  
4 much bigger and broader educational portion before you  
5 ask citizens to accept this hook line and sinker because  
6 it is going too fast. So that's a very good reason for  
7 not having an ex parte order go through. I urge you to  
8 contest it and not let that happen. And I also want to  
9 know why does LARA not yet consider externalities  
10 meaning the cost to the community related to the impacts  
11 on the surrounding environment and public health when  
12 they are making decisions like this because those are  
13 rates and costs not of the utility itself, but what the  
14 public pays. You know, for a long time we've heard  
15 about how corporations can externalize the cost to the  
16 public, and it seems like this is a perfect example of  
17 it. I did a simple search online asking about the  
18 health impacts of these major data centers, and it came  
19 up with page after page of, you know, university  
20 reports, etcetera. This is going too fast. This is  
21 just going too fast. Thank you.

22 JUDGE STALEY: All right. I thank you for  
23 your comments and we are going to move on to the phone  
24 number ending in 6541. Followed by comments by Becca S.  
25 And that number just disappeared. We will move on to

1 Becca S, followed by Mia Harnos. Becca S. You can  
2 proceed with comments. You may be on mute. You may be  
3 on mute. Okay. I think I need to move on to Mia Harnos  
4 followed by Jarad Richter. Is Mia Harnos available.  
5 You may be on mute.

6 MS. HARNOS: Can you all hear me?

7 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

8 MS. HARNOS: Thank you. Hello. My name is  
9 Mia Harnos and thank you Judge and Commissioners for  
10 making this evening possible. I'm sure it's been a long  
11 day for all of you. I'm a resident of Wyandotte,  
12 Michigan and a DTE customer. My comment and question is  
13 regarding any community benefit discussions that are or  
14 are not taking place as part of the Saline data center  
15 negotiations. In doing some reading about how data  
16 centers, i.e., the largest load consumers might impact  
17 local communities. I've seen that these new data  
18 centers have loads equivalent of one to two million  
19 households like mine. If we expected -- if we are  
20 expected to welcome the equivalent of two million new  
21 members of our community and that associated grid load,  
22 is there an opportunity to seek investments from our  
23 incoming corporate citizens and new neighbors to make  
24 investments in or local, state and federal programs that  
25 are currently helping and supporting low income

1 Americans like the Home Weatherization Program or the  
2 Michigan Energy Assistance Program. These help to  
3 reduce energy burdens for low income households, prevent  
4 service shutoffs, homelessness, they decrease the cost  
5 of energy for all the improved housing quality. They  
6 make homes safer and improve air quality today and for  
7 future generations. I'd like to ask this group what  
8 might be a reasonable investment in those most  
9 vulnerable members of our community based on the  
10 revenues that will be generated by the Saline data  
11 center and others that will come behind it. When the  
12 data center is up and running, for the contractually  
13 obligated ten years, what would a good reasonable  
14 corporate citizen investment look like. How would we go  
15 about putting that formula on paper and make it part of  
16 policy. In other states I have seen a \$500,000 initial  
17 investment that has been made for year one. There's no  
18 guarantees going forward. That's a drop in the bucket  
19 and my humble opinion is not nearly good enough. So  
20 might Michigan be the state that stands tall and insists  
21 that investments not be made just in year one, but for  
22 every year that these data centers are in operation.  
23 And should we be asking that they be based on revenues  
24 generated. And if so, now is the time while there is  
25 negotiation power and leverage and as stated by one of

1 the previous comments, we only get one shot. This  
2 opportunity will come once in our lifetime and our  
3 children and our grandchildren are relying on us to look  
4 out for their best interest while we have the  
5 opportunity to do so. Thank you very much for the  
6 opportunity to comment.

7 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much. I may  
8 have misspoken. I see next in the cue is it, I  
9 apologize, Biaohua Yu, followed by Becca S.

10 MR. YU: Hi there. My name is Biaohua. I'm  
11 a resident of the City of Detroit. Thank you so much  
12 for your time. I know it's been a long night. I've  
13 been on a lot of these committee hearings before. I  
14 just want to get engaged on the point about the MPSC's  
15 duties and responsibilities which is to prevent a rate  
16 increase and have a just and fair rate for everybody  
17 that doesn't -- the cost of the electricity is cost  
18 shifted to the people. This project is built on the  
19 idea that they will store electricity in batteries in  
20 the off-peak hours, and if the previous residents of  
21 Saline are correct and they are already having power  
22 outages, it means we don't have a guarantee that there's  
23 not an off-peak hour that they can catch enough. And if  
24 there is the case that projected out based on the  
25 presentation that there's 11 more data centers that's

1 possible our state, and if some of them are in the  
2 southeast region, it might be the fact that DTE will not  
3 be into service enough. Just how many how peak hours  
4 can there be to store in a battery. And will they  
5 put -- is that enough tax benefit to build out a utility  
6 and would cost then be shifted to the people. I'm not  
7 going to fight AI. I'm just pointing out the fact what  
8 your powers are is to, if nothing else, deny the ex  
9 parte and make this an open public hearing that we all  
10 have the information, we all have the information to  
11 move forward in the best educated way that we can.  
12 Currently it is -- I Googled. I cannot find that much  
13 information about it. And as everyone says, the  
14 contract is blacked out left and right everywhere, and  
15 so I think it's fair and with this new technology that  
16 everyone should have the right to have a public  
17 transparent process to this. Thank you, and I yield my  
18 time.

19 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much. Next  
20 commenter is Becca S, followed by Jared Richter. Becca  
21 S. You may be on mute. Try again. I'm going to move  
22 on to Jared Richter followed by Sam. Jared Richter.  
23 You may be on mute.

24 MR. RICHTER: Can you hear me?

25 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

1 MR. RICHTER: Okay. Hey, I just wanted to  
2 let everybody know that I'm in the process of building a  
3 giant death laser inside of my back yard and it's going  
4 to take a shit load of power. And I just need you guys  
5 to be confident that I'm going pay 80% if it all goes  
6 over. And nobody actually wants a giant death laser  
7 inside their own homes. And I'm going to structure it  
8 as an LLC. That way, you know, if you guys need the  
9 money later on, I can just collapse the entire thing,  
10 you know. It's going to be fine.

11 But in all seriousness, almost all these  
12 jobs that are going to be created are going to be  
13 temporary. It's an absurd thing to believe this is a  
14 good thing economically speaking based off the \$7  
15 billion it's going to be. It's going to make very  
16 little. Again and as well as fast-tracking inside this  
17 ex parte hearing is utterly insane in its gross  
18 negligence. Just the fact that you guys aren't doing  
19 your due diligence for a long-term identification of  
20 these structural issues that will exist inside of our  
21 infrastructure. It's insane. There are other states  
22 that have had massive issues as a result of data centers  
23 going in, taking large amounts of power that have  
24 resulted inside of fundamental issues with the way that  
25 individuals are paying, and it's going to increase all

1 of the amount of money that we're going to be paying for  
2 DTE. And the fact that you guys, you know, think that  
3 this is good, it's just absurd to me. I yield the rest  
4 of my time.

5 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much. We are  
6 going to move on to Sam followed by Bob Minielly. So  
7 things are getting out of order here for some reason,  
8 but Sam, are you available? Sam? Can you hear us? We  
9 can't hear you but it looks like you're on. Okay. I am  
10 going to back up because things are appearing strangely  
11 in my cue. I'm going to go to Kathryn Haushalter,  
12 followed by, I'll try Becca S one last time. Is Kathryn  
13 available?

14 ASH: Actually this is Ash. Can you hear  
15 me?

16 JUDGE STALEY: Yes. Go ahead.

17 ASH: Okay. I wasn't going to touch on jobs  
18 because that's not what the MPSC is here for, but yeah.  
19 A couple other people have said it brilliantly that  
20 these will result in a net job loss. So we're selling  
21 our soul for a quick buck here. I'm a resident of  
22 Saline Township. The theme of this project from the  
23 outset has just been a lack of transparency. It has  
24 been predatory and rapacious. These companies Related  
25 Digital, the way they've handled everything from the

1 onset has been just nothing short of predatory. And if  
2 history tells us anything, I feel like we can't just  
3 rush into a project of this magnitude blind. If we look  
4 back on how that's worked out over the past, it usually  
5 doesn't work that great. Collateral was mentioned in  
6 the beginning if the rates can't be paid by Green Chili,  
7 and I think we should at least know what that collateral  
8 is if it's being offered in lieu of, you know, if  
9 payments can't be made, I think the public needs to know  
10 that. Also this is a 25% increase, if I understand  
11 correctly, on the current electrical output for DTE, so  
12 for them to say they can do that without any hiccups or  
13 without setting back the climate goals is laughable, and  
14 I'd like to point out this is a company that has been  
15 found multiple times in court to be in violation of the  
16 Michigan Clean Air Act. So I would just urge you to  
17 slow this down, to take our time to give us some  
18 transparency on it. And what you do with this first big  
19 case is going to set a precedent for the rest of them.  
20 So on a job this size, a project this size, it's too big  
21 to be rushed. The people in Michigan deserve  
22 transparency and things need to go through the proper  
23 channels. I'll yield the rest of my time. Thank you.

24 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. I am going to  
25 move on to Maggie is it Kaercher. We can hear you. Go

1 ahead.

2 MS. KAERCHER: My name is Maggie Kaercher.  
3 I'm a resident of Dexter, Michigan, right next door.  
4 I'm also representing my family and the small business  
5 that we do own in Dexter, which is dependent on water  
6 with it being a fish farm. First of all, I'm just so  
7 surprised by how many people came on in support of this,  
8 and then I was incredibly unsurprised by how many of  
9 them sounded just like a script that they were reading  
10 off of. To pass this ex parte would be a disservice, a  
11 disrespect and a betrayal to the people of Michigan to  
12 let this corporation fast-track this instead of going  
13 through normal MPSC due process is just -- I can't even  
14 believe it's something that's being considered right  
15 now.

16 Living in Dexter I'm especially worried for  
17 the farmlands surrounding my own home and the precedent  
18 that will be set with this. We're not even talking  
19 about any old data center, we're talking about what is  
20 set up to be the biggest AI data center in the United  
21 States. This is a very big deal and it should not be  
22 rushed. DTE already has zero competition in the State  
23 of Michigan. And I just please urge you to not grant  
24 this ex parte. Give it due diligence listen to the  
25 people. You can't pretend that there's transparency

1 when there's so much redacted out of the papers that  
2 we've been able to see. So yes. Thank you. That is my  
3 ask.

4 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. We will move on  
5 to Sam, followed by Bob Minielly. Sam, you may be on  
6 mute. Can you hear me, Sam? I see that you're not on  
7 mute but I cannot hear you. I'm going to move on to Bob  
8 Minielly, followed by Victoria Deal. Bob Minielly.

9 MR. BIRD: This is actually Dustin Bird.  
10 Can you hear me?

11 JUDGE STALEY: Yes. Go ahead.

12 MR. BIRD: So good evening everyone. I'm a  
13 proud member of Local 252 and I'm speaking in support of  
14 this project. This is a multi-billion dollar  
15 infrastructure. And I think it's going to represent an  
16 historic opportunity for Michigan Skilled Trades, and  
17 I'm hearing it could create 2,500 good paying  
18 construction jobs, which will deliver millions in local  
19 revenue that will strengthen I think Saline Township.  
20 So with that, I think this project is a win for workers  
21 and it's a win for Michigan. That's all I got to say.  
22 Thank you.

23 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. Now real quickly,  
24 I see the person who is cued up as Sam on the screen.  
25 Do you wish to still make comments? Okay. Can you --

1 we cannot hear you. Can you hear me? Okay. Try to  
2 unmute again and see if that works. We can't hear you.  
3 So I apologize and we'll try again after a couple more  
4 commenters, how does that sound? I'm going to move on  
5 to Victoria Deal, followed by the initial J. Victoria  
6 Deal.

7 MS. DEAL: Can you hear me?

8 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

9 MS. DEAL: Great. My name is Victoria Deal.  
10 I am a long-term resident of Saline Township. I've been  
11 there since 2001. DTE Electric want's MPSC to expedite  
12 approval of their contracts to supply energy for this  
13 data center, despite the fact that the full details of  
14 DTE's deal with the data center are not publically  
15 available. I have a problem with that. They also want  
16 to do so without a contested hearing, which Attorney  
17 general, Dana Nessel, is calling on the MPSC to have,  
18 and she's also stated that this is a rushed job. DTE  
19 has not been a good partner to Michigan residents. They  
20 have an energy monopoly in the region. They have cut  
21 power on residents, raised prices and tried to restrict  
22 energy infrastructure. This is yet another example of  
23 DTE failing to be a good neighbor and partner to  
24 Michigan residents, especially those in Saline, Ann  
25 Arbor, Ypsi, Dexter, Chelsea and all other communities

1 like Detroit that will be immediately affected by this  
2 data center.

3 DTE claims there will be no energy price  
4 increases, but the reality is that energy prices in  
5 Michigan will go up, the same way that they have in  
6 every other state that has a data center. For example,  
7 Illinois with 244 data centers has seen a 16% increase  
8 in electricity costs, and that's up more than \$200 just  
9 since last year. The entire state of Michigan will be  
10 forced to bear the rising energy costs that will result  
11 from this data center while DTE profits from their  
12 contracts. I am asking you to stand by your mission and  
13 make sure the public has safe, reliable and accessible  
14 energy at prices that we can afford. I'm asking that  
15 you reject DTE's contracts to provide energy for this  
16 data center.

17 Additionally, they state that data centers  
18 will create many jobs in the city and 450 directly at  
19 the data center. In reality, the Stargate data center  
20 in Abilene, Texas, which consumes more energy, will only  
21 need a hundred people to keep it running.

22 Additionally, as a nurse, public health is  
23 important to me. They claim that this data center won't  
24 have negative health affects. The xAI data center in  
25 Memphis releases tons of nitrous oxide into the area,

1 which causes asthma, COPD and bronchitis. The public  
2 health is important and I urge you to not allow this to  
3 be a secret deal. Thank you.

4 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. I am going to  
5 move on to the initial J, followed by Erin Russ. So the  
6 person who is here under the initial J.

7 J: Hello. Can you hear me.

8 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

9 J: Hi. So I'm from Ypsilanti Township  
10 where we have our own data center crisis underway. DTE  
11 is also a titanic pushing force in that project pushing  
12 it on us, and they're telling us they will have to build  
13 another substation for the LANL data center to have  
14 power. That I believe is a separate one to the one  
15 you're discussing here. I haven't asked any of the  
16 other communities fighting data center battles if DTE is  
17 building new substations, new gridding, new  
18 infrastructure for them, but since DTE is so big in so  
19 many other scenarios, they should be considered a  
20 monopoly. I'd be willing to bet the answer is, they're  
21 making a lot of these. And the idea that that is not  
22 going to have an impact installing so much, constructing  
23 so much with no technical information on how or why or  
24 where will not affect our power, I think is incredibly  
25 naive to assume that. This project needs to be looked

1 at with a lens that it is not being made in a vacuum.  
2 This is simply one of more than potentially a dozen  
3 additions to the power grid, most of which have little  
4 to no explanations of how they'll be put into place or  
5 what affect they'll have on the grid, the local  
6 environment or the fellow consumers and power users of  
7 that grid. And we have no way to prove if our rates  
8 will go up with construction, because DTE already  
9 regularly raises our rates with no explanation or  
10 transparency. What do we have except their word, which  
11 is rarely kept and easily broken when they already  
12 refused transparency in their rates and asset  
13 management. We have to proof that they're going to do  
14 as they say and no way to hold them accountable if they  
15 don't.

16 All the reasons that you gave in the  
17 beginning of this meeting about the concerns that you  
18 are not allowed to address or that are outside your peer  
19 review are all the reasons why it deserves full public  
20 hearings, input, transparency, and not a fast-tracked  
21 deal or secret redacted contracts that we're not allowed  
22 to look at. You can't divorce the assets in the areas  
23 that you control from the other issues that a data  
24 center of this size brings up by saying that you only  
25 look at the economic impact, when the economic impact

1 that this will have is not going to be included in  
2 things like extra healthcare costs, COPD or asthma or  
3 bronchitis brought on by this thing or rising rates or  
4 the fact that this is not a business that is just like a  
5 grocery store where you put it in, you get some  
6 construction jobs and then it just does its own thing.  
7 This is something that will have a constant impact on  
8 the community. And I think if you're not considering  
9 what the financial impacts that it has after it is built  
10 on the people around it, whether that's from worsening  
11 the environment or from taking jobs away, then you're  
12 not doing a service. I would like to have you give this  
13 your full consideration.

14 JUDGE STALEY: Ma'am, I'd like to thank you  
15 for your comments, and we need to move on. We will move  
16 on to Erin Russ, followed by Rima Mohammad. I'm going  
17 to move on to Rima Mohammad, followed by Jane  
18 Finkbeiner.

19 MS. MOHAMMAD: Hello.

20 JUDGE STALEY: Okay. We can hear you. Go  
21 ahead.

22 MS. MOHAMMAD: Okay. Sorry. I was waiting  
23 on for a long time so I'm in a quite space now. I am  
24 Rima Mohammad. I am a resident of Washtenaw County  
25 close to Saline Township as well. I'm also Trustee of

1 the Ann Arbor School Board. And I'm speaking as a  
2 concerned Washtenaw Count Resident, and as I said, a  
3 resident close to Saline Township who will also be  
4 impacted. I urge you to reject the proposed data center  
5 for at a minimum demand a full transparent impact study  
6 before any approval. Recent data show that US data  
7 centers consumer roughly 170 to a 180 terawatts per  
8 hour, the electricity in 2023, and that is about 4 to  
9 4.4% of all US electricity usage. It is very important  
10 to also know, and I'm not going to repeat a lot of the  
11 comments that were said already. You know, it's going  
12 to impact our waters. It is going to impact our  
13 infrastructure. It is going to raise cost and burden to  
14 all our local portable water systems, and for a minimum  
15 long-term local jobs and community benefit. So a rural  
16 township and county should not bear the environmental  
17 and infrastructural cost so that distant companies can  
18 profit. I strongly ask the board to prioritize  
19 community welfare over outside corporate interest and to  
20 deny this application unless it can be proven beyond  
21 reasonable doubt that it won't degrade our water supply,  
22 electricity reliability and the way of life. I  
23 appreciate this opportunity to talk and I appreciate --  
24 and thank you for this.

25 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you for your comments.

1 Okay. I need to do a quick time check in here. It is a  
2 quarter after 8, and this hearing is actually scheduled  
3 to end at 8:30, but we still have quite a number of  
4 folks in the speaker cue, and I really acknowledge that  
5 there's been some glitchiness to that, so we're doing  
6 the best we can to get to everyone. We will plan to  
7 continue taking comments until 9:00. I may stop just  
8 shy of 9:00. Just to make sure, but we're going to try  
9 to get everyone, as many people as we can in. I'm  
10 thinking at this stage, we're probably only going to be  
11 able to get about 15 more commenters in depending on  
12 whether people take the full three minutes. Or not.  
13 And at the conclusion of the hearing, I'll share some  
14 more instructions on submitting written comments for  
15 anyone who was unable to comment, but would still like  
16 to provide comment. So with that, we're kind of in the  
17 home stretch here, and I am going to start with Rachel  
18 Brown followed by Erin Russ. So if Rachel Brown is  
19 available. You may be on mute.

20 MS. BROWN: Hello. Can you hear me?

21 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

22 MS. BROWN: So I wanted to speak. I echo a  
23 lot of the points that others have made, including the  
24 member from the Sierra Club and Rima Mohammad. I think  
25 that to -- I think that if DTE and these companies are

1 doing something honest, then we don't need to have  
2 this -- all these redacted and closed and fast-tracked  
3 processes and that we really need to take our time with  
4 these things. I -- I don't believe that we have a lot  
5 of recourse once everything's completed to go back and  
6 fix the harms that they might be causing. So, you know,  
7 I think it's naive to think that -- or I think that it's  
8 very shortsighted to think that getting this money  
9 injected into our communities is worth the potential  
10 harm if they're trying to fast-track through everything,  
11 and I think that we really need to think about that. I  
12 also was hoping to maybe even get some people from  
13 communities that have already been affected, including,  
14 I've seen the story of Beverly and Jeff Morris in  
15 Georgia where the metadata center went in, which is a  
16 very large one as well, and now they're quality of life  
17 is completely destroyed.

18 So I'm a Washtenaw County resident and I'm  
19 also a medical provider, and I just think that this is  
20 really something that we need to take our time with.  
21 I'm not saying that we need to completely reject these  
22 things if they're done right, but if somebody's trying  
23 to race through the process with closed doors that  
24 there's probably a reason, and that we're just going to  
25 be sacrificed in the process. So we really need to

1 think about that. And I know a lot of people, I'm proud  
2 to hear a lot of people echoing that same concern, and I  
3 hope that you guys listen.

4 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you.

5 MS. BROWN: And that's all I'd like to say.

6 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. We're going to  
7 move on with Erin Russ, followed by Jane Finkbeiner. Is  
8 Erin Russ available. You may be on mute. Okay. I'm  
9 going to move on to Jane Finkbeiner. You may be on  
10 mute. Okay. I am going to move on next to Jennifer  
11 /SHREUBGT followed by a phone number ending in 3380. Is  
12 Jennifer Schlicht available. Jennifer, can you hear me?

13 MS. SCHLICHT: I can now. Sorry about that.

14 JUDGE STALEY: Okay. Well, we can hear you,  
15 so go ahead.

16 MS. SCHLICHT: Perfect. Thank you. Good  
17 evening. My name is Jennifer Schlicht. I work for  
18 Clean Water Action and I'm a resident of Ypsilanti.  
19 Thanks for your time and your patience tonight. I do  
20 wish everyone could be heard. MPSC is supposed to  
21 protect the public interest, not make decisions in the  
22 dark for more corporate profit. I'm asking the  
23 Commission to reject the ex parte request by DTE and the  
24 dangerous precedent this could set across the state,  
25 including my own back yard.

1                   In 2024 DTE specifically lobbied for and won  
2 huge tax breaks for data centers. The influence that  
3 DTE as a monopoly utility has had on our political  
4 processes proverbial tied to the absurd amount of money  
5 they spend on our elected officials has never been more  
6 apparent than with this issue and data centers in  
7 general.

8                   Data centers moving into Michigan, including  
9 this massive proposal would drastically increase the  
10 base load on our already strained and outdated grid, all  
11 for a few jobs, the majority which are temporary anyway.  
12 DTE and big tech will profit until the AI bubble bursts  
13 anyway.

14                  DTE rate payers who already pay the highest  
15 rates for the worst liability in the entire region will  
16 experience more of this. I lose power multiple times a  
17 year and pay more every year for this privilege.  
18 Michiganders will foot the bill from this data center  
19 one way or the other. Supposed agreements to ensure  
20 that rate payers don't pay more due to data center  
21 development are not enforceable. Out of the purview of  
22 this Commission but there are real water pollution,  
23 quality of life and property value concerns that do  
24 deserve to be addressed as well. The public deserves  
25 and demands better than this fast-track decision. If a

1 project cannot withstand public scrutiny, then quite  
2 simply it should not go ahead. We need you, the members  
3 of the MPSC to do your job and protect Michigan rates  
4 payers by ordering a full contested case process. The  
5 false sense of urgency that DTE is attempting to impose  
6 here is absurd. If this project would truly benefit the  
7 public, they should have nothing to hide and no reason  
8 to rush this through, and yet, here we all are. As you  
9 can see from the number of people in this room the  
10 public is watching. This is not a decision to rush. It  
11 should be made with complete transparency and fully  
12 taking into account the wishes of the community that  
13 will feel the brunt of the impact. And if you do so  
14 with honesty and integrity, I truly believe that it  
15 would not be approved. Michigan deserves better. Thank  
16 you for your time.

17 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. Actually the next  
18 person in my cue now is John Conyers. And then I will  
19 follow with the number ending in 3380. Is John Conyers  
20 available. You may be on mute.

21 MR. CONYERS: I am here. John Conyers. Can  
22 you hear me?

23 JUDGE STALEY: Yes. Go ahead.

24 MR. CONYERS: I'll be quick. A lot of this  
25 stuff has been said, but I prefer to comment ahead of

1 this so I just want to make sure I read it. Michigan  
2 holds one fifth of the world's fresh water. Protecting  
3 the Great Lakes is our most important responsibility,  
4 and a 250 acre data center doesn't become with low  
5 impact simply because it's labeled an air cooled or  
6 leave certified facility. A facility with a peak demand  
7 of 1.4 gigawatts will place enormous strain on an  
8 electric grid that already ranks amongst the least  
9 reliable in the country. 13% of DTE customers had four  
10 or more outages last year, and nearly half lost power  
11 for more than eight hours. We cannot add one of the  
12 most energy intensive facilities on earth to a system  
13 that's already failing so many residents. The process  
14 itself only adds to the concerns. These fines are so  
15 heavily redacted that the public has no real that the  
16 public has no real insight into what DTE has promised or  
17 what obligations fall on rate payers. We're being asked  
18 to absorb the risk without being allowed to see the  
19 terms.

20 Economically, this project creates very few  
21 permanent jobs, while demanding subsidies, discounted  
22 power and long-term public cost. That's not meaningful  
23 economic development. And from a climate standpoint  
24 adding this level of new base load demand without maxing  
25 clean energy capacity makes our climate commitments

1 impossible to meet you cannot claim to protect the Great  
2 Lakes while locking us into higher emissions and more  
3 fossil fuel generation. I want to acknowledge something  
4 respectfully. We've heard from Chambers of Commerce,  
5 we've heard from the building trades and the builders on  
6 this project, and of course they support it. They  
7 benefit financially, and I have no doubt they would do  
8 excellent work. But there are other ways to grow our  
9 economy than fastening ourselves to massive data centers  
10 or AI projects we do not fully understand, especially  
11 one being fast-tracked with so little transparency.

12           Investing in data centers at this scale  
13 before we know what we need to know about the AI  
14 technology supports or even this specific project is  
15 shortsighted. We have to stop making decisions and look  
16 out only for our immediate interests and then leave the  
17 consequence as a problem for our children to solve,  
18 something we assume they'll figure out. Our  
19 responsibility is to leave them with fewer problems to  
20 solve, not more.

21           Finally, this project strains an unreliable  
22 grid, threatens our most important resource, offers  
23 almost no economic return, and is being advanced with  
24 almost no transparency. Until the redactions are lifted  
25 and the full commitments are public, this project should

1 not move forward without public contested hearings.

2 Thank you.

3 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. I'm going to  
4 acknowledge that my cue is a little glitchy tonight. So  
5 the next person in my cue tonight is Layal Mohammad. Is  
6 Layal available?

7 MS. MOHAMMAD: Hi. Yes. Can you hear me?

8 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

9 MS. MOHAMMAD: Okay. So my name is Layal  
10 and I'm part of the Michiganders Against Data Centers  
11 Organization. And I just wanted to state that DTE has  
12 not been a good partner to Michiganders. They have an  
13 energy monopoly in the region and they have cut power on  
14 residents, raised prices and tried to restrict energy  
15 infrastructure. This is yet another example of DTE  
16 failing to be a good partner to Michigan residents,  
17 especially those in Saline, Ann Arbor, Ypsi, Dexter,  
18 Chelsea and all other communities that will be  
19 immediately affected by this data center. DTE claims  
20 there will be no energy price increases, but the reality  
21 is that energy prices in Michigan will go up the same  
22 way they have in every other state that has a data  
23 center. For example, Illinois has 244 data centers and  
24 has seen a 15.8% increase in year over year electricity  
25 costs. Just last year DTE proposed a 456 million rate

1 hike. They had people from several businesses working  
2 with DTE give public comment and support on that rate  
3 hike. Journalists from Planet Detroit found out that at  
4 least four of those comments were written by a DTE  
5 spokesperson. They ghostwrite these comments to make it  
6 seem like there was support for this hike. This is just  
7 one example of the lengths DTE will go to misinform  
8 Michiganders. Not only will this raise energy cost, the  
9 massive consumption of the data centers contribute to  
10 greenhouse gas emissions. They use tons of water for  
11 cooling and generating electronic waste. Data centers  
12 consume approximately 450,000 gallons of water per day.  
13 In addition, xAI center that is operating out of Memphis  
14 currently is emitting 1,000 to 2,000 tons of nitrogen  
15 oxide and formaldehyde. It has become the biggest  
16 polluter in the area and the residents have complained  
17 that their neighborhoods smell like gas leaks. The  
18 NAACP has filed a lawsuit against xAI citing  
19 environmental injustice and threatening health risks  
20 like increased asthma and cancer risks for residents  
21 near the data center.

22           Additionally, this data center will displace  
23 the local flora and fauna. Constant low frequency noise  
24 can cause chronic stress in wildlife abandoning habitats  
25 and disrupting their natural behaviors altering

1 migration patterns and diverting water resources used by  
2 wildlife causing stressful disturbances to rescue  
3 animals in sanctuaries such as barn sanctuaries and  
4 SASHA that are local to the area. I am asking you to  
5 stand by your mission and make sure that the public has  
6 safe, reliable and accessible energy at prices we can  
7 afford. Reject DTE's contract to provide energy for  
8 this data center. We have a responsibility to each  
9 other and to future generations that will come after us.  
10 Supporting this data center threatens humans and the  
11 exact ecosystem that we claim to care about. This will  
12 contribute to long-term ecological damage that we will  
13 not be able to reverse. You have the power to choose a  
14 path that goes with the sustainability, the well being  
15 of the public and true environmental stewardship. Stand  
16 with Michigan, its residents, the local flora and fauna  
17 and reject DTE's contract. Michigan deserves better.  
18 We all do. Thank you so much.

19 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. Okay. Last call  
20 for Erin Russ. Okay. Last call for Jane Finkbeiner.  
21 Okay. I am going to move on to phone number ending in  
22 3380. And I will follow that with Steve H. 3380  
23 dropped out. Steve H, followed by Ankit Banerjee. Is  
24 Steve available.

25 Can you hear me.

1 JUDGE STALEY: Yes. I can hear you. Go  
2 ahead. Now we can't hear you. I think that was Ankit,  
3 but I'm not sure, Banerjee. I'm going to move on to  
4 Daniel Wood and we will try to get back to the last.

5 MR. HOMAN: I'm hear now.

6 JUDGE STALEY: I can hear you. Go ahead.

7 MR. HOMAN: My name is Steve Homan. My  
8 thoughts against ex parte approval begin with water and  
9 electricity but ultimately end with dollars and cents.  
10 I wonder who's going to pay in the event that my well  
11 runs dry due to excessive water consumption at the data  
12 center. And conversely, who's going to pay in the event  
13 the data center goes bankrupt after five years, yet  
14 there's a 19-year contract that will remain unfulfilled.  
15 Coupled with that there are two other data centers  
16 within ten miles of my home that are on the books that  
17 are being looked at, one at the Toyota Technical Center  
18 and one at the former Ford Plant in Milan.

19 So it's a huge burden on our natural  
20 resources, and I'm not real sure the DTE is prepared for  
21 what's coming at them, and we, the people, are going to  
22 pay that bill, and I don't agree with this rapid  
23 approve. So thank you for your time.

24 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you for your comment.  
25 I will move on to Ankit Banerjee.

1 MR. BANERJEE: Hi. Can you hear me?

2 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Yes. Go ahead.

3 MR. BANERJEE: Thank you for your time. I  
4 just wanted to make a comment. I'm a resident of Saline  
5 in York Township. I'm an electrical engineer by  
6 qualification. I am very concerned about this one  
7 gigawatt load that DTE is trying use and as serve as a  
8 data center in my area. To put this into perspective,  
9 one gigawatt load is ginormous. It can power up to 700,  
10 800,000 homes in Michigan. The City of Ann Arbor,  
11 according to its own renewable energy documentation from  
12 2024 roughly by Napkin Map consumes about 450 megawatts  
13 per year. This is roughly half, and Ann Arbor is a city  
14 that has, you know, over 120,000 people. It has one of  
15 the largest universities in the country. It has  
16 businesses like Google there, so it's an enormous amount  
17 of power just so everyone understands. This is not  
18 routine customer that's being added on. It's not you,  
19 me, or anyone just coming in with a small business, it  
20 is system defining load on a scale of a major power  
21 plant. It is a huge load. There's a lot of  
22 consequences of a load of this scale in Michigan's grid.  
23 There's grid stability issues, there's obviously rate  
24 impacts that a lot of others have pointed out. And  
25 there's also local reliability. A load of this

1 magnitude stresses nodes. It includes increases voltage  
2 regulation or voltage fluctuations and regulation  
3 events. It produces hosting capacity for other power  
4 usage like EV chargers and all the other green energy  
5 projects that we're pursuing. There's also like issues  
6 like harmonic distortion that's going come in. There's  
7 going to be low power factor issues like there's a lot  
8 of technical stuff that should be reviewed by this  
9 Commission and in DTE's detailed document that we don't  
10 have where everything is redacted. On top of that,  
11 there's, you know, information that issues should be  
12 concerned about for not only as to cost and who bears  
13 them, but also how this affects residents of Michigan.  
14 Like generation capacity, DTE will need additional  
15 generation and long-term capacity. How does that come.  
16 Where do those costs go. Where does the cost of the  
17 transmission lines and the upgrades that they have to do  
18 go. A load this large is going to need major  
19 substations and new voltage lines. All of this costs  
20 hundreds of millions of dollars.

21 And then, of course, regular liability like  
22 a single spike or outage will stress nearby businesses,  
23 it will stress out homes in the winter. Like this is a  
24 load that will greatly affect people living in the area.  
25 And, of course, like I mentioned rate pressure and cost

1 si obviously going to be eventually passed on to us  
2 consumers and that is obviously a negative for everyone.

3 The last point I wanted to make is we have a  
4 lot of unions mention that construction jobs will be  
5 created and this is good for people living in the area.  
6 When I went to one of Saline Township's hearings, it was  
7 made abundantly clear by the original land owner and  
8 their attorneys that this property will not remain  
9 farmland.

10 JUDGE STALEY: Mr. Banerjee, your time has  
11 concluded. I appreciate your comments, but we have to  
12 move on to the next commenter. I will be moving on to  
13 Daniel -- Danielle Wood, my apologies, followed by Brian  
14 Madison.

15 MS. WOOD: Hi, there. Can you hear me.

16 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

17 MS. WOOD: Okay. So there's been a few  
18 people who have spoke that are speaking as if the  
19 decision's already made, which is disappointing to hear,  
20 especially some off the people claiming to be from  
21 churches around the community knowing that this is not  
22 just affecting us natural resource-wise, but on a  
23 spiritual level. Our family farm is in Milan, a couple  
24 miles from the development site, and our street already  
25 has to water hall, this is not just going to affect our

1 naturally resources, but our children in the future.  
2 You've had folks speaking who are already getting paid  
3 to help build this project, and this is a conflict of  
4 interest and we should be letting people who it will  
5 negatively impact speak. The people are saying no by  
6 the thousands and this is spiritual warfare and you  
7 cannot serve two masters. We are called to be stewards  
8 of the earth, and AI is not the future, our children  
9 are, and clean water is a birthright. It's not up for  
10 negotiation in my opinion. The people speaking in favor  
11 have chosen to see money and feed greed and do not speak  
12 in favor of the people or the land. AI has already been  
13 creating segregation affecting jobs and has been deemed  
14 unsafe by its creators and this has also contributed to  
15 the suicide of many teens, and has also been proven to  
16 give false and biased information just like a majority  
17 of your paid speakers today. Thank you.

18 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. Brian Matteson  
19 followed by Chris Gilmer-Hill. Brian Matteson.

20 MR. MATTESON: Yes. Hello. Can you hear  
21 me?

22 JUDGE STALEY: I can. Go ahead.

23 MR. MATTESON: Good evening. My name is  
24 Brain Matteson. I'm from Ann Arbor. I work as a  
25 software developer in the tech industry. I spend every

1 day writing, reviewing and debugging code, managing  
2 infrastructure and thinking about ways to improve and  
3 grow the products I'm responsible for. I want to  
4 advocate against any new high-energy use data centers  
5 and the over-bloated power infrastructure needed to  
6 support them in Michigan in the strongest possible  
7 terms. I understand the Commission only has  
8 jurisdiction over rates and agreements, but I want the  
9 Commission to closely consider the current AI boom is  
10 based only series of false promises. According to  
11 reports Sora 2, the video generator, cost about \$for 5  
12 every prompt it fulfills while charging significantly  
13 less than that. ChatGPT is also in the negative. These  
14 are the two biggest AI products on the market and the  
15 biggest AI company and they have not achieved  
16 profitability. They're being propped up artificially by  
17 a seeming endless firehose of investor money and self  
18 dealing between companies or dependent on the gift  
19 continuing on whom the country, and indeed the world's,  
20 economy is presently found.

21           So what revenues can they promise Michigan  
22 reasonably. They have no real profits and are  
23 increasing their debts by the day. This looks worse  
24 than the dot com boom and worse than the 2008 crisis.  
25 The products collectively called AI are emphatically not

1 the future. It has not proven it can produce even a  
2 single profitable business. As usual in a gold rush,  
3 those with the most interest in promoting it are the  
4 ones selling shovels and pickaxes, or in this case,  
5 electricity construction and construction construction  
6 materials. The fire hose of investor money for these  
7 projects will eventually run dry. When it does, these  
8 AI companies and their absurdly overinflated valuation  
9 will ultimately collapse and they will cut  
10 infrastructure cost first. They will gladly throw their  
11 shell LLCs who own these data centers into bankruptcy to  
12 protect their core businesses. So any agreements signed  
13 with these LLCs mean less than nothing.

14 I want the Commissioners to consider how  
15 then will these companies make good on their agreement.  
16 The collateral they provide is likely to be in the form  
17 of stocks or other collateral which when the market  
18 busts will become worthless along with the massive  
19 economic recession. The leaders of these companies will  
20 walk away free laughing all the way to the bank.  
21 Ultimately it will be the cities, townships, counties  
22 and states foolish enough to have allowed these  
23 parasites to latch onto their power grid will be left  
24 holding the bag.

25 So what do we gain in the meantime by

1 helping them over bridges and infrastructure? What's  
2 the devil at the delve crossroads offering as far as  
3 soul and the future of our children and the community,  
4 the promise of sharing the wealth, a few jobs, promises  
5 of local revenue are based on inflated estimates of both  
6 jobs created and money spent in this area, and these  
7 promises ring false. These tech pugilists don't even  
8 treat their only employees fairly, why would they treat  
9 us better. They have not brought wealth and prosperity  
10 anywhere they've gone because parasites only take, they  
11 never give back. Most of the wealth generated through  
12 the data center will leave the state immediately.  
13 Meanwhile, our private for profit power companies such  
14 DTE who never have the interest of the citizens they  
15 serve at heart will spend millions building out  
16 unnecessary polluting power infrastructures to feed  
17 these ever hungry monstrosities. They promise that they  
18 won't charge us more. They signed some paperwork saying  
19 only the data center will pay more. And so we are to  
20 believe that worst comes worst DTE --

21 JUDGE STALEY: Mr. Matteson, your time is up.  
22 I thank you for your comments. I'm going to move on to  
23 Chris Gilmer-Hill. And then I'll follow that by Khadja  
24 Erickson. Is Chris Gilmer-Hill available.

25 MR. GILMER-HILL: Good evening and thank you

1 for taking the time to hear everybody out. My name is  
2 Chris Gilmer-Hill. I'm a rank and file union member in  
3 the Communication Workers of America, Local 34022. I'm  
4 also the policy manager at the Michigan Environmental  
5 Justice Coalition. And before that I also worked as a  
6 software engineer mostly using remote infrastructure  
7 housed in data centers. And I'm a lifelong Michigander  
8 here in Detroit. I'm here to tell the Commission that  
9 now is the time to establish a clear precedent, no  
10 secret deals for data centers. One hearing on a  
11 heavily-redacted contract is just not enough. We need a  
12 real contested case. We need the Commission to uphold  
13 environmental justice in Michigan and protect the  
14 process in the face of corporate attacks on our shared  
15 values. We should not be taking DTE's word here that  
16 rates won't be impacted. This project is unprecedented  
17 in Michigan's history and we can't rely on just the same  
18 deal loving rate that's used by projects that per the  
19 presentation earlier are 20 times smaller. We need a  
20 contested case to ensure that these data centers are  
21 paying their fair share without leave rate payers to pay  
22 for new infrastructure that the rest of don't need.

23 Now I know it's not within the MPSC's  
24 purview to consider construction jobs, even though we  
25 know data centers in Michigan have a history of lying

1 about job creation numbers, but it is your statutory  
2 role to consider how DTE and the data centers will pay  
3 for all of these significant costs that they incur, and  
4 the way that those costs will impact the electrical  
5 rates that Michigan workers will have to pay.

6 The reason why folks are talking about there  
7 being so much money for jobs is because data centers are  
8 incredibly expensive. A lot of money has to go into  
9 building and running these data centers, and that money  
10 has to come from somewhere. We need you to protect us  
11 as rate payers in Michigan because we know that the cost  
12 of those will have an impact.

13 Precedent in Michigan and around the country  
14 proves that data centers rely on sweetheart electricity  
15 deals to pass off to rate payers who never see a  
16 benefit. The MPSC per statute is our last line of  
17 defense against hidden subsidies that just help data  
18 centers. There's also a real risk that DTE will use  
19 this contract and new the demand that it brings in order  
20 to undermine our Clean Energy Laws. DTE is already one  
21 of the biggest spenders in all of Michigan politics, and  
22 we know that they're actively supporting legal and  
23 legislative measures to weaken our and clean affordable  
24 energy protections here in Michigan. We shouldn't just  
25 take their word that this secret deal isn't just another

1 way for them to accomplish that goal.

2 Once again, the MPSC is our last line of  
3 defense against a secret deal that sells out our clean  
4 and affordable energy future. For these reasons, I'm in  
5 alignment with our attorney general and the thousands of  
6 Michiganders who have already spoken out in support of  
7 contested case and real scrutiny. We need the MPSC to  
8 stand up Michigan and tell DTE that we won't have  
9 secrete deals for data centers in our state. Thank you.

10 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. I am going to  
11 take Khadja Erickson and then Sue Shink. Is Khadja  
12 Erickson

13 MS. ERICKSON: My name is Khadja Erickson.  
14 I'm the Executive Director of the Mid-Michigan Tenant  
15 Resource Center. DTE attempted to secure an ex parte  
16 approve cutting the entire public out entirely. Even  
17 now the contract is so redacted that neither residents  
18 nor the attorney general can evaluate the risks. The  
19 proposed data center would use between one and five  
20 million gallons of water per day. The Company claims  
21 some o f this water can be reused, but those plans have  
22 not been proven safe, have not been fully disclosed and  
23 have not been subject to independent expert scrutiny.  
24 The burden of proof is on the applicant, and without a  
25 contested case hearing, the technical health and

1 environmental risks cannot be evaluated. We simply do  
2 not know whether reuse is feasible, affordable or safe.  
3 What we do know is that DTE cannot reliably meet current  
4 demand. And adding hyper scale data center will raise  
5 rates and increase shutoffs for low income families.

6 I urge the Commission to reject the contract  
7 as written and to require a full contested case hearing  
8 so these claims can be tested, disclosed and verified.  
9 Our drinking water is priceless and it is essential.  
10 Access to safe, clean affordable water is a lifeline and  
11 a condition of freedom for all Michiganders. Beyond  
12 that, tenants across Michigan are already suffering  
13 under exploding energy costs. By approving this  
14 request, we will be fast-tracking more people into  
15 housing instability and homelessness. The risk proposed  
16 by blindly rushing to approve a data center shrouded in  
17 secrecy are not worth the 15 jobs they'll eventually  
18 outsource. The 450 jobs that they continue to tout in  
19 this hearing, if they even get close to that many people  
20 will be temporary and will disappear once construction  
21 is complete. Meanwhile the potential damage to tenants,  
22 consumers, the air, land and water will be permanent.  
23 Thank you very much.

24 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. The next one I  
25 list is sue Shink, and I will follow that Madeline N.

1 MS. SHINK: Yes. Thank you. This is State  
2 Senator Sue Shink. I represent the 14th State Senate  
3 District. 24 colleagues of mine and from the state  
4 legislator joined with me to ask the MPSC to support the  
5 request of the attorney general for a contested  
6 proceeding because an ex parte proceeding does not  
7 protect the interests of the people of the State of  
8 Michigan and will not protect rate payers from increased  
9 costs. With me Senator Rosemary Bayer, Stephanie Chang,  
10 John Cherry, and Erika Geiss. State representatives  
11 Noah Arbit, Kelly green, Aaron Burns, Betsy Cofia  
12 Jennifer Conlin, Kimberly Edwards, Morgan Foreman, Matt  
13 Polazar, Sharon McDonald, Mike McFall, Donovan McKinney,  
14 Regie Miller, Veronica Piese, Lori Pohutsky, Natalie  
15 Price, Julie Rogers, Dylan Wegela, Regina Weiss, Carrie  
16 Wingin, Emily Defendorf. I don't have time to read the  
17 whole letter, but basically the concern is that this is  
18 a historic precedent setting request to approve a  
19 contract for 1.4 gigawatts of electricity, enough to  
20 power over a million homes. 25% of the electricity  
21 usage in our state. It's important to set a good  
22 precedence. It's also important that this not be done  
23 in secrecy, and I know that the attorney general hasn't  
24 even been allowed to read the contract in its entirety.  
25 She represents the People of the State of Michigan.

1           There's questions. What happens if there's  
2 a bankruptcy, if the customer disappears, if there isn't  
3 enough electricity to power everybody in the state. An  
4 ex parte hearing does not allow those issues to be  
5 explored adequately. I respect the Commission greatly  
6 and request that you take our request seriously. Thank  
7 you so much.

8           JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. I will move on to  
9 Madeline N, followed by Amy M.

10           MADELINE N: Good evening. Thank you for  
11 allowing us the chance to share our thoughts on the data  
12 center with the Commission. I think, the bottom line  
13 that I'd like to share today is that our community  
14 deserves openness and transparency, especially from DTE,  
15 which you've heard from a number of folks tonight has  
16 been unreliable. We can't trust what they're telling  
17 us. We have no proof that they will do what they say  
18 and no way to hold them accountable. And so I implore  
19 the Commission to reject the ex parte request to hold  
20 the contested hearings. In no circumstances, especially  
21 with a project of this scale should we be rushing  
22 through any sort of approval. A project of this scale  
23 deserves prudent decision making, and I think that the  
24 community here has shared dozens of valid concerns that  
25 we would like you to take seriously and put back on the

1 proposers of this data center. So thank you for your  
2 time. I really hope that you respect the needs of the  
3 community members, and again, not just the people who  
4 stand to make a few dollars off of this project, but the  
5 people who actually will be paying for this when AI  
6 bubble fails or when DTE inevitably drops the ball on  
7 this project overall. So thanks for your time.

8 JUDGE STALEY: Thanks you. I will Amy M  
9 followed by Virginia. Is Amy M available.

10 AMY M: My name is Amy. I live a little bit  
11 north of Tecumseh, Michigan, which is in Lenawee County.  
12 I live in the country and it's about ten miles from  
13 where this data center is being built by Saline. I'm  
14 also an engineer that works in the tech industry and web  
15 hosting so I know something about data centers just from  
16 my job. I've actually heard a lot of engineers speaking  
17 up here, which is interesting. I just wanted to speak  
18 up and voice my opposition to this data center and the  
19 possibility of others that may be built in Southeast  
20 Michigan. I understand the feeling that AI is the  
21 future and that somehow this data center will benefit  
22 Michigan, but I believe that's a false impression.  
23 Sadly we're not going to be the next Silicon Valley  
24 probably. The data center will likely bring very few  
25 jobs once the construction phase is complete, and it's

1 not in any way going to bring that industry to Michigan.  
2 It will probably employ a few technicians just to keep  
3 things running, but it is probably relatively low paying  
4 in general.

5 A lot of others have spoken about some of  
6 the drawbacks and risks of the data center for  
7 communities, and I also share those concerns. I thank  
8 Sue Shink for speaking up, and I wish that you  
9 represented my district, others that were speaking in  
10 opposition to this. That's really all I wanted to say.  
11 Thank you for listening.

12 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. I'll move on to  
13 Virginia followed by the initials RKM. Is Virginia  
14 available?

15 VIRGINIA: Hello. My name is Virginia, and  
16 I'm a resident of Detroit, and thank you for giving me  
17 the opportunity to speak. Other people before me have  
18 already brought up protestations that I wanted to speak  
19 on. I am troubled with how this deal is being sped  
20 through. After all, if there's nothing to hide, why  
21 redact so much. It is shortsighted as well to focus  
22 solely on temporary jobs. This will damage our water  
23 systems, particularly our groundwater, which cannot be  
24 returned to a pristine state once it has been tainted.  
25 Fossil fuels will be burned to keep this data center

1 running, which will contribute heavily to climate change  
2 while we are steadily moving toward a no turning back  
3 point on warming our planet.

4 I'm troubled with how in general there is a  
5 movement away from the needs and wants of the people who  
6 live in the state towards the hyper-wealthy who live  
7 elsewhere who own these data centers and will take the  
8 money they make away from the state. AI is already  
9 taking jobs away from people, and I personally have a  
10 stake in this as a writer, artist and voice actor as  
11 I've already felt the pinch of my livelihood being taken  
12 away.

13 I also want to add that as a DTE customer I  
14 am extremely concerned that DTE already struggles to  
15 support the electrical draw of the people living in the  
16 state before adding this tremendous electrical draw to  
17 our. DTE has subjected customers to day's long outages  
18 often caused by storms that are a direct result of  
19 climate change. During the bitter cold of winter and  
20 the steaming heat of summer, people can lose their lives  
21 without electricity to heat or cool their homes. The  
22 only way to have the infrastructure needed to power AI  
23 and for the people is to pay for a lot of money to  
24 update the system. This is money that DTE will  
25 absolutely charge its customers without the option to

1 opt out, customers who are already struggling to pay  
2 their bills and have no other power source to turn to  
3 instead. Thank you for listening.

4 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. I am going to move  
5 on to RKM followed by Julie. Is RKM available.

6 RASHAD. My name is Rashad. I live in  
7 Ypsilanti Township. Others have said there's going to  
8 be two data centers trying to put into my neighborhood.  
9 I agree with many of them where it says that we should  
10 not have DTE be able to process a redacted agreement.  
11 It should be transparent and we should be able to  
12 criticize this and hold hearings against it. I don't  
13 know how DTE is considered a reliable electric provider.  
14 They are not. I have electricity go out in my  
15 neighborhood every year. It has damaged my appliances,  
16 damaged my housing electrical outlets and appliances,  
17 and so I -- there's no way they can support about 2.6  
18 gigawatts of electricity. If they try, that means  
19 they're going to build now power plants which would go  
20 around any agreements that might be made, which then  
21 would put costs on the Rest of the Southeast Michigan  
22 stating that it's for the whole system, which the only  
23 reason they created these power plants were to power up  
24 these gigawatt factories.

25 I also work in the auto industry. Like we

1 brownouts, like we have to turn off the power in our  
2 labs in our offices during the summer because everyone's  
3 ACs are running and we're straining the system. So  
4 DTE's current electrical load is barely enough to handle  
5 Southeast Michigan. For them to say that they can  
6 actually provide power to these data centers is  
7 unrealistic and they will be pushing these costs to us,  
8 to the residents. And so therefore, with everyone else,  
9 I think we should have full-on hearings and not allow  
10 DTE to force us to supply these data centers with  
11 electricity. Thank you.

12 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. All right. I  
13 think I have only time for one more comment and Julie is  
14 next on my list. Is Julie available?

15 JULIE: All right. So I'm a CS grad of MTU  
16 and a lifelong Michigan resident, and I just wanted to  
17 follow up on Chris' and Amy's statements being as one of  
18 the people would be the most likely to get long-term  
19 jobs related to a data center. It personally is like a  
20 data scientist for data administration. I wanted to  
21 argue for more regulation, more oversight and more  
22 public comment concerning this data center. I've heard  
23 many good arguments this evening about LLCs, and if they  
24 went bankrupt we would be taking on those costs, making  
25 sure they cover all the costs of their electricity

1 instead of of using clean energy credits. Who knows how  
2 exactly that works with the risk of them just planting  
3 trees that don't have an ecosystem to support them and  
4 making more carbon emissions instead of a carbon sink.

5 So at least in minimum, no ex parte, needing  
6 more clarity on like who's going to take priority in  
7 terms of a brownout or a blackout, seeing more contents  
8 of the contract that we cannot see currently. I do  
9 believe that's all. Everybody's covered so much this  
10 evening I'm also concerned about. I guess I'll pass my  
11 time.

12 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you very much. I think  
13 that's going to conclude our hearing tonight. I just  
14 want to thank everyone for their respectful comments and  
15 being respectful of each other's time, and I'm sure I  
16 speak on behalf of the Commissioners that we appreciate  
17 your interest in this matter.

18 There are a lot of people, however, who I  
19 know would still like to comment but, unfortunately,  
20 we're out of time for tonight. There are a number of  
21 different ways that you can provide comments outside of  
22 this hearing, and I think we put a slide up for you.  
23 Anyone who still wishes to provide comment you may do it  
24 in any of the following ways. Number one, you may make  
25 comments during public comment portion of any regular

1 Commission meeting. These are held roughly every two to  
2 three weeks and can be attended in person at the offices  
3 in Lansing and every one of them is also available to  
4 attend virtually through Microsoft Teams. There is a  
5 meeting link for those as well. So information on  
6 upcoming Commission meetings is available at  
7 [www.michigan.gov/mpsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc). You can go there to look for  
8 upcoming Commission meetings. Number two, you can also  
9 submit comments through emails, mail, or by using the  
10 comments feature in your online case records management  
11 platform, which is the edockets for case number U-21990.  
12 In addition to be able to submit comments you can also  
13 see other comments that may have been submitted when you  
14 do look in the docket.

15 At this time I invite, do the Commissioners  
16 have any additional closing comments.

17 CHAIRPERSON SCRIPPS: Thanks, Judge Staley,  
18 and thanks to everybody who participated. I'll be  
19 really brief. We're at time and I know folks want to  
20 get back to whatever you had for your evening. But I do  
21 appreciate all those who were here and provided comment.  
22 I think one of the commenters noted that we had 850  
23 people participating in the meeting at one point. I'm  
24 not sure if that was the high point or grew from there,  
25 but certainly significant interest. By my count, we had

1 46 individual comments that we heard from people, and I  
2 really appreciate your willingness to share your  
3 perspectives, your thoughts, your passion and your  
4 concerns.

5 I also know that we had some technical  
6 difficulties tonight that people, the cue at points we  
7 couldn't see people who you could see yourselves in the  
8 cue. It seemed that there were some places where people  
9 joined and then were prioritized and then others sort of  
10 never moved up. I'll apologize for that. I'll also say  
11 that the irony of technical difficulties on a public  
12 hearing to take comments on a proposed power contract to  
13 serve data centers isn't lost on me. I think we've got  
14 some things that we need to check on in terms of how  
15 this all worked to make sure that in future public  
16 hearings we don't have similar issue. But I do  
17 appreciate your patience and understanding as we work  
18 through it.

19 But thank you, Judge Staley, for running an  
20 excellent meeting. Thank you all for your respectful  
21 comments. I want to thank the court reporter staff who  
22 are involved in the work behind the scenes to make  
23 tonight's public hearing come off. So Commissioners  
24 Myers, and Peretick, I'll turn it over to you for any  
25 closing thoughts as well.

1                   COMMISSIONER PERETICK:    Thanks, Chair.  
2   I'll be brief also because I do want to allow all of our  
3   staff who are supporting this to be able to end their  
4   evenings. Thank you to all of the commenters who were  
5   able to join and who spent the time to do this tonight.  
6   I really appreciated everybody's comments. You know, we  
7   heard from many people who were local to the site and  
8   across the State of Michigan with concerns about the  
9   effects of data centers, concerns about the transparency  
10   of the contract, as well as the redacted portions of the  
11   contract, concerns about the ex parte approval process,  
12   and concerns about burdens on the electric grid and  
13   natural resources. We also heard some support for  
14   economic development and jobs created and other benefits  
15   orf the data centers. So I just want to say thank you  
16   to everybody ho came and participated, and there are  
17   other ways, as Judge Staley noted, to continue provide  
18   comments either written or in person or virtually at any  
19   of our upcoming hearings.

20                  COMMISSIONER MYER:   I'll just quickly echo  
21   Chair Scripps and Commissioner Peretick and say thank  
22   you for participating. Thank you for people who have  
23   submitted comments and who continue to submit comments.  
24   We appreciate the Staff and Judge Staley for their time  
25   tonight. But we mostly appreciate you all spending your

1 evening commenting and participating in this process.  
2 Have a good night.

3 JUDGE STALEY: All right. Thank you,  
4 Commissioners. I appreciate that, and that concludes  
5 tonight's hearing. Good night to everyone and have a  
6 safe night.

7 (The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.)  
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| <b>burden</b> (3)      | <b>Chair</b> (10)      | <b>Claire</b> (2)          | <b>committed</b> (1)      |
| <b>burdens</b> (2)     | <b>CHAIRPERSON</b> (2) | <b>clarity</b> (2)         | <b>committee</b> (1)      |
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| <b>Burns</b> (1)       | <b>challenges</b> (1)  | <b>classes</b> (1)         | <b>Communication</b> (1)  |
| <b>bursts</b> (1)      | <b>Chamber</b> (4)     | <b>Clean</b> (14)          | <b>communities</b> (13)   |
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