

From: [John Kudlawiec](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: Case v-20642, v-20561 for gas and energy increases
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:17:15 AM

Just wanted to say this is unbelievable how these large monopoly companies can keep requesting increases and they get them. Come on four rate hikes since 2015 for energy (775 million). And they just had a gas rate in 2017. Maybe they should start trying to figure out how to do some cuts to save money like instead of having five guys standing around at a work site cut it to two or three. The school system had to make large cuts back in the day because the citizens complained that the teachers and the other service workers in the school system weren't on par with others who weren't in the school systems so there was large cuts. DTE keeps ask for the large increases and ends up getting small increases, but they keep asking once or twice a year. Ridiculous. People just can't afford this.

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From: [Robert Evans](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: comment on DTE proposed rate increase
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:05:41 PM

To Whom it May Concern: I am commenting on DTE Energy's proposed 8.3% natural gas rate increase. I agree with the Mich. Attorney General that this proposed increase is both excessive and unreasonable. I understand the need to maintain natural gas infrastructure, but I question the real need for such a large proposed rate increase at this time. Now is certainly not the time to hit Michigan DTE customers with such an excessive rate increase. I would urge the MPSC to reject this proposed increase. I would suggest that MPSC request that DTE Energy scale back or delay any major infrastructure improvements planned at this time, until this COVID-19 crisis is behind us.

Robert Evans

Iron River, MI

From: [Ed Kowalski](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: DTE
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:59:40 AM

DTE does not provide reliable nor affordable electric service either.

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From: [Trevor Bunek](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: DTE Rate hikes
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:43:18 AM

To whom it may concern,

The proposed hikes in rates for gas and electric by DTE in the coming months is not only excessive but comes at a time(unforseen when proposed)where Michigan residents and businesses owners are at their most vulnerable.

The uncertainty of finances in the foreseeable future makes raising rates not only irresponsible but another burden society can not bare at this time. Please do the responsible thing and deny these rate hikes. A concerned citizen and small business owner.

Sincerely,

Trevor Bunek

Alpha Electric Group Inc.

From: [Dan Schleh](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: DTE Rate Increase
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 12:21:56 PM

After reading what DTE is asking for a rate increase I judge it is indeed excessive and needs to be rejected.

We have lived and worked in Ann Arbor Mi for over 35 years. Between Ann Arbor's substantial taxes, millages and sewer rate increases, we are finding our reasons for continuing to live here diminishing. Heat and light are two essentials for every household and now we are going to be asked to absorb another increase.

We understand that increases are needed for good reasons in many businesses and entities however this increase is exorbitant. Either DTE is asking for a high increase to make a lesser number more palatable, or their planning and business leaders are not doing a very good job.

I would ask that at in depth review why an increase of this amount is needed.

Karen & Dan Schleh

From: [REDACTED]
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: DTE rate increases
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:04:31 AM

Approve the rate increases for infrastructure improvements. It's unwise to avoid these improvements and slip into another PG/E situation endangering lives and property. If one finds it necessary to tighten inspection and maintenance rules then do that as an additional protection to Michigan residents and business. Additionally, the improvements provide jobs which will be sorely needed after the current economic situation reverses.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [arthur johnston](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: Sick of the monopoly
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:47:05 AM

If this greedy company DTE wants to raise its rates due to improving their infrastructure that needed consumer help last year. I say let their be other companies to compete against them. It's the same thing with the power companies. You are welcome to use solar and wind power, but you still have to give your extra power you created to them at a rate they want to buy it from. (Not the same rate they sell it to you). The consumers should pick the rate along with the government regulations, what job on earth do you get to ask for an 8-11% increase every year. Their requests are quickly driving up cost of living, faster than wages can accommodate. When they seen this pandemic happening they could have pulled their requests off the table. I hope their greed leads our government to say no more, in fact because of the need by people you have to decrease their rates. Let the CEO and her board figure it out
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Craig](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: They should be reducing rates. Has anyone looked at the cost of gas and how it's decreased but yet Dte continues to add costs because of all the non gas expenses they create. It's not a utility company but an advertising company. Reduce!,
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 8:58:28 AM

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From: [Flo](#)
To: [LARA-MPSC-EDOCKETS](#)
Subject: U-20642 for the DTE Gas rate hike and U-20561 for the DTE Energy electric rate hike
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I can see no justification for any rate hikes on either utilities when the former and current CEO of DTE bring home millions in compensation. Reduce their pay and that will help toward the needed funds for the infrastructure.

Jerry Norcia the new CEO made \$1.3 million salary last year and, including stock awards, had total compensation that year of \$10.9 million, according to DTE's corporate filings. Norcia last year had a \$826,923 salary and total compensation of \$5.4 million.

The former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at DTE ENERGY CO, Gerard M. Anderson made \$10,986,809 in total compensation. Of this total \$1,344,231 was received as a salary, \$2,500,000 was received as a bonus, \$0 was received in stock options, \$6,992,734 was awarded as stock and \$149,844 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to proxy statements filed for the 2018 fiscal year.

All the top executives for DTE are making millions in combined salary and compensation.

Please ensure that they have the public best interest at heart and not trying to line their pockets.

Florence Trevino