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Michigan Public Service Commission
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RE: Docket U-21990, Power Supply Agreement and Energy Storage Contract

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Detroit Regional Chamber, representing the business community of Southeastern Michigan, I am writing to express our strong support for DTE's request for approval of two contracts related to a new 1.4-gigawatt data center project: the Power Supply Agreement and the Energy Storage Contract, in docket U-21990. This development represents a monumental economic opportunity for Michigan, and the proposed agreements are structured to maximize benefits for the state and its residents.

From the Chamber's perspective, this project serves as a significant catalyst for economic growth. The construction phase alone is projected to create over 2,500 construction jobs. Once operational, the data center will provide hundreds, if not thousands, of high-paying, permanent jobs that will support local economies for years to come. This project will also provide millions of dollars in new local taxes, directly supporting police and fire departments, school districts, and other critical services in the Detroit Region.

The Chamber is delighted to see that the contracts explicitly ensure the data center will absorb all new costs required to serve them, meaning this development will not increase rates for DTE's existing customers. This principle, supported by the legislature's bipartisan Public Acts 181 and 207 of 2024, is essential for maintaining a competitive business environment. In fact, this project is poised to deliver an affordability benefit for all current DTE customers. By adding a large new customer to the system, the fixed costs for DTE's generation fleet and distribution system will be more evenly distributed. As DTE's filing indicates, this new data center is expected to contribute approximately \$300 million annually to the grid, thereby reducing the total cost burden for all other customers.

This project also serves as a strategic investment in Michigan's energy future. The agreement requires the data center customer to fund new battery energy storage projects, advancing Michigan's emerging battery storage industry and promoting continued grid reliability. For Michigan to compete nationally and globally for high-tech investments, it must have a regulatory framework and infrastructure that supports them. These contracts achieve this by attracting a major job creator, protecting existing ratepayers, and investing in the state's energy grid.

The Detroit Regional Chamber urges the Michigan Public Service Commission to approve the Power Supply Agreement and the Energy Storage Contract in docket U-21990.

Sincerely,



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