## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of **DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY's** application for the regulatory reviews, revisions, determinations, and/or approvals necessary to fully comply with Public Act 295 of 2008, as amended.

Case No. U-21361

At the December 19, 2024 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

> PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner Hon. Alessandra R. Carreon, Commissioner

#### **ORDER**

On September 6, 2024, DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric) filed an application (September 6 application), with a supporting affidavit and exhibits, pursuant to Public Act 295 of 2008, MCL 460.1001 *et seq.*, as amended, and all other applicable law, requesting *ex parte* approval of the special contract between DTE Electric and the City of Detroit. DTE Electric's request for relief includes a request for a Commission finding that the special contract is consistent with the company's currently approved amended renewable energy plan (REP), as approved in the May 18, 2023 order in Case No. U-21361 (May 18 order).

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

DTE Electric's September 6 application explains that the City of Detroit has requested and contracted with the DTE Electric to build up to 10 megawatts (MW) of dedicated solar projects to support the City of Detroit's Solar Neighborhoods program for a 35-year period. DTE Electric states that the special contract is consistent with the company's current amended REP approved in the May 18 order, which approved an additional 300 MW of solar builds for unnamed customer-requested projects and subsequent contracts. DTE Electric's September 6 application explains that the special contract constitutes a portion of the additional 300 MW of unnamed projects and subsequent contracts approved in the May 18 order. September 6 application, p. 2.

DTE Electric avers that the special contract is consistent with the May 18 order and the pricing of the special contract mirrors the subscription charge and associated bill credit methodology of MIGreenPower Rider 17 whereby the revenue from the special contract will cover the revenue requirement of the project(s) over the life of the special contract. *Id*.

DTE Electric states that it consulted with Commission Staff on August 26, 2024, to provide an overview and review of the special contract and present the financial credit risk and customer impact assessments consistent with Paragraphs 10 and 11 of the partial settlement agreement approved in the July 2, 2024 order in Case No. U-21172 (DTE Electric's VGP case commenced on August 31, 2022), and Paragraph 9.1.3.6 of the partial settlement agreement in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* On August 29, 2024, the Company also hosted an informational session with applicable

intervenors consistent with the partial settlement agreement in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* September 6 application, p. 3.

The Commission has reviewed DTE Electric's September 6 application, the supporting affidavit and exhibits, the applicable statutory language, and the partial settlement agreements in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* and U-21172 and finds that the special contract should be approved. The Commission finds that the special contract is consistent with the requirements set forth in the May 18 order. Any amendments to the special contract require Commission approval pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 460.2031 (pertaining to the filing of special contracts) and the Commission's previous directives regarding special contracts. The Commission further finds that *ex parte* review and approval are appropriate because approval of the special contract will not affect rates or rate schedules resulting in an increase in the cost of service to customers. *See*, MCL 460.6a(3).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the September 6, 2024 application filed by DTE Electric Company seeking *ex parte* approval of the special contract between DTE Electric Company and the City of Detroit and for related relief is approved.

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

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel. Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at <u>LARA-MPSC-</u> <u>Edockets@michigan.gov</u> and to the Michigan Department of Attorney General - Public Service Division at <u>sheac1@michigan.gov</u>. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

## MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

Alessandra R. Carreon, Commissioner

By its action of December 19, 2024.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

# PROOF OF SERVICE

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County of Ingham

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Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on December 19, 2024 A.D. she

electronically notified the attached list of this Commission Order via e-mail transmission,

to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).

Brianna

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

Angela P. Sanderson Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan As acting in Eaton County My Commission Expires: May 21, 2030

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