

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)	Case No. U-21361
fully comply with Public Act 295 of 2008,)	
as amended.)	
_____)	

At the July 10, 2025 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 May 2, 2025, DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric) filed an application in this docket (May 2 application), with a supporting affidavit and exhibits, pursuant to Public Act 295 of 2008, MCL 460.1001 *et seq.*, as amended; Section 6j of Public Act 304 of 1982, MCL 460.6j; and all other applicable law, requesting *ex parte* approval of DTE Electric's Beecher Solar Project (Beecher Project); the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Master Service Agreement (EPC agreement); and the Master Supply Agreements (MSAs) for solar panel modules (collectively, the contracts) for the Beecher Project. DTE Electric's request for relief includes a request for a Commission finding that the Beecher Project and accompanying contracts are consistent with DTE Electric's amended renewable energy plan (REP) approved in the May 18, 2023 order in this docket (May 18 order), and will reasonably and prudently fulfill demand for the

special contract between DTE Electric and the University of Michigan (U of M) under DTE Electric's voluntary green pricing (VGP) program, MIGreenPower.

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

DTE Electric explains in the May 2 application that on February 25, 2025, DTE Electric and U of M entered into a customer-requested special contract for DTE Electric to build an 80-megawatt (MW) dedicated solar project to meet U of M's annual requirement of renewable energy credits. On February 27, 2025, the company filed for approval of the special contract with U of M in this case. The Commission approved the special contract in the May 15, 2025 order in this case (May 15 order), finding the special contract to be consistent with the company's amended REP approved in the May 18 order, which had also approved an additional 300 MW of solar builds for unnamed customer-requested projects and subsequent contracts. *See*, May 15 order, p. 3. DTE Electric explains that the Beecher Project constitutes a portion of the additional 300 MW of unnamed projects and subsequent contracts approved in the May 18 order.

As detailed in the affidavit of Michael Rivet, Director of Renewable Energy Development at DTE Electric, filed in support of the May 2 application, the Beecher Project will be sited in Raisin and Palmyra Townships in Lenawee County, Michigan. The Beecher Project will interconnect into the Beecher-Morocco substation being constructed in Palmyra Township in Lenawee County,

Michigan and is anticipated to provide 80 MW of renewable energy nameplate capacity. DTE Electric states that the commercial operation date (COD) of the Beecher Project is expected to occur by the second quarter of 2027.¹

DTE Electric notes that in the partial settlement agreement in Case No. U-21172, approved by the Commission in the July 2, 2024 order in that case (July 2 order), DTE Electric and other parties agreed to updated terms governing the acquisition of resources to satisfy special contracts. The partial settlement agreement in Case No. U-21172 requires, in relevant part, that the company target the acquisition of a minimum of 50% of the capacity required to fulfill each special contract through build transfer agreements with unaffiliated third parties. This is referred to as the 50% requirement. DTE Electric is not required by the partial settlement agreement to issue more than one request for proposals per special contract. However, Paragraph 3 of the partial settlement agreement in Case No. U-21172 established that the 50% requirement shall not apply on an individual basis to special contracts that require less than 150 MW of new capacity. *See*, July 2 order, Exhibit A, pp. 3-4. Therefore, according to DTE Electric, the 50% requirement set forth in the Case No. U-21172 partial settlement agreement does not apply to the 80 MW Beecher Project. May 2 application, pp. 2-3.

With respect to the contracts necessary to construct the Beecher Project, DTE Electric states that it has entered into MSAs with Boviet Solar USA, Ltd. and Canadian Solar (USA) Inc.

¹ DTE Electric notes in the May 2 application that on April 17, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an Order Granting Waiver Request in Docket No. ER25-1466-000 allowing for a 20-month extension of the COD deadline for the Beecher Project. DTE Electric asserts that the new COD deadline pursuant to FERC's Order Granting Waiver Request is August 31, 2027, which aligns with the Beecher Project's schedule. May 2 application, p. 4.

(Canadian Solar)² to provide solar panel modules, and an EPC agreement with Barton Malow Company to design, engineer, construct, install, start-up, and test the Beecher Project. DTE Electric states that additional contracts for other facility components are being negotiated and are included in the total installed cost of the Beecher Project. May 2 application, pp. 3-4.

DTE Electric estimates that the Beecher Project's installed cost is \$2,259 per kilowatt (kW) and the price is expected to be \$79 per megawatt-hour (MWh). The company states that these estimates are based on the best assumptions used at the time of the filing of the instant application. Per the company, the Beecher Project will be eligible for the 30% federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC). Additionally, the Beecher Project is expected to qualify for the additional 10% ITC value assuming the Energy Community bonus. The nominal ITC value for the Beecher Project is approximately \$72 million. May 2 application, p. 4.

The Commission has reviewed DTE Electric's May 2 application, the supporting affidavit and exhibits, the applicable statutory language, and prior Commission orders, as well as the partial settlement agreements in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* and Case No. U-21172,³ and finds that the Beecher Project and accompanying contracts should be approved. The Commission finds that the Beecher Project and contracts are consistent with DTE Electric's amended REP approved in Case

² The MSA attached to the May 2 application lists Canadian Solar (USA) Inc. as the contracting party with DTE Electric. However, the Commission refers to Canadian Solar by the business entity name listed in the Michigan Corporations Division Online Filing System, which is Canadian Solar (USA) Energy Corporation. For the purposes of this order, they are considered to be the same entity.

³ As noted above, Case No. U-21172 involves DTE Electric's previous VGP case, which was resolved by a partial settlement agreement approved by the Commission in the July 2 order. Relevant to this proceeding, the partial settlement agreement in Case No. U-21172 contained requirements for special contracts entered into by DTE Electric. *See*, July 2 order, Exhibit A, Paragraphs 10 and 11. In the May 15 order, the Commission found that the special contract between DTE Electric and U of M conformed with the relevant requirements of the partial settlement agreement in Case No. U-21172. May 15 order, p. 3.

No. U-21361, and the requirements set forth in the partial settlement agreements in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* and Case No. U-21172.

As to cost recovery, the Commission shall review for reasonableness and prudence the final cost for the Beecher Project in the appropriate renewable energy reconciliation proceeding following the Beecher Project's commercial operation. The Commission further finds that *ex parte* review and approval is appropriate because approval of the Beecher Project and accompanying contracts in this case 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 May 2, 2025 application filed by DTE Electric Company seeking *ex parte* approval of the Beecher Solar Project, including the Engineering Procurement and Construction Master Service Agreement and Master Supply Agreements for solar panel modules, and related relief, is approved.

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

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

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

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

Alessandra R. Carreon, Commissioner

By its action of July 10, 2025.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary


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STATE OF MICHIGAN)

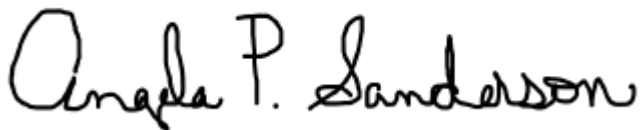
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County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on July 10, 2025 A.D. she electronically notified the attached list of this **Commission Order via e-mail transmission**, to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).


Brianna Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 10th day of July 2025.



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