

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY</b> for approval of	)	
contracts for the development of the	)	Case No. U-21566
Trenton Channel Energy Center.	)	
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At the April 30, 2026 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair  
Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner  
Hon. Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

**ORDER**

On November 26, 2025, DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric) filed an application in this case (November 26 application), with a supporting affidavit and exhibits, requesting *ex parte* approval of the Equipment Supply Agreement (ESA) between DTE Electric and LG Energy Solution Vertech, Inc. (LG) necessary to develop the Trenton Channel Energy Center Project (the Project).

For background, on November 3, 2022, DTE Electric filed an application in Case No. U-21193, requesting approval of its integrated resource plan (IRP). On July 12, 2023, DTE Electric reached a settlement agreement with the intervening parties in that case that resolved all outstanding issues related to the company’s IRP. In the July 26, 2023 order in Case No. U-21193 (July 26 order), the Commission approved the settlement agreement. According to the terms of the settlement agreement, DTE Electric agreed, among other things, to accelerate the building of

storage capacity for the Project, totaling 220 megawatts. *See*, July 26 order, p. 7. DTE Electric agreed to seek approval of contracts selected for the development of the Project through *ex parte* proceedings. *Id.*

On March 15, 2024, the Commission issued an order in this docket (March 15 order), approving an ESA necessary for the development of the Project between DTE Electric and Powin, LLC (Powin) as consistent with the IRP settlement agreement approved by the July 26 order. In the November 26 application, DTE Electric explains that Powin failed to meet its guaranteed delivery date for the battery energy storage equipment associated with the Project and did not implement a viable recovery schedule. As a result, DTE Electric terminated the Powin ESA on May 19, 2025. On June 9, 2025, Powin filed for bankruptcy protection. November 26 application, p. 2.

Following Powin's failure to deliver, DTE Electric states that it undertook efforts to secure an alternative equipment supplier capable of maintaining the Project's development schedule and achieving a 2026 commercial operation date (COD). The company represents that it successfully negotiated a replacement ESA with LG that preserves the Project's schedule while providing cost savings relative to the previously approved Powin ESA. November 26 application, pp. 2-3.

DTE Electric's November 26 application seeks *ex parte* approval of the LG ESA executed on July 25, 2025. The LG ESA is supplying battery energy storage equipment for the Project in lieu of the previously approved Powin ESA. According to the affidavit filed in support of the November 26 application, the LG ESA is more than \$30 million lower in cost than the Powin ESA, allows the Project to qualify for additional federal investment tax credits related to domestic content, and provides battery module augmentation provisions that were not included in the Powin ESA. November 26 application, p. 3; *see also, id.*, affidavit of Terri L. Schroeder, pp. 4-6.

DTE Electric reviewed the LG ESA with the Commission Staff (Staff) on August 4, 2025. Notably, the LG ESA and the associated impact on the Project's overall costs were reviewed during the pendency of Case No. U-21860, DTE Electric's most recently completed electric rate case.<sup>1</sup> The Staff noted in that case that the LG ESA sets the COD as December 2026, and reduced the overall Project costs from \$409.6 million to \$378.5 million. *See*, 5 Tr 5041 in Case No. U-21860. As part of its rebuttal in Case No. U-21860, due to the revised project forecast and the replacement of the Powin ESA with the LG ESA, DTE Electric agreed to a disallowance of \$31.2 million for the Trenton Channel Energy Center Project. *See*, 3 TR 696 in Case No. U-21860.

### Discussion

The Commission has reviewed the November 26 application, along with the supporting affidavit and exhibits, and finds that the ESA between DTE Electric and LG should be approved. The Commission also finds that the LG ESA is reasonable and prudent and is consistent with the IRP settlement agreement approved in the July 26 order, the Commission's prior approval of the contracts necessary for development of the Project in the March 15 order, and the February 19 order, in which the Project's overall costs were approved in a manner that accounted for the LG ESA replacing the Powin ESA. *See*, February 19 order, pp. 32-33. The Commission further finds that *ex parte* review and approval are appropriate, as approval of the LG ESA will not increase rates or costs of service for any customer. *See*, MCL 460.6a(3).

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission issued a final order in Case No. U-21860 on February 19, 2026 (February 19 order) and, noting the parties' agreement regarding the reduced overall project costs, found that DTE Electric's forecasted capital expenditures for the project should be reduced by \$31.2 million. *See*, February 19 order, p. 32.

Accordingly, the Commission finds that approval of the LG ESA is reasonable, consistent with prior Commission orders, and in the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the November 26, 2025 application filed by DTE Electric Company seeking *ex parte* approval of the equipment supply agreement between DTE Electric Company and LG Energy Solution Vertech, Inc., for the Trenton Channel Energy Center 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](mailto:LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov) and to the Michigan Department of Attorney General - Public Service Division at [sheac1@michigan.gov](mailto:sheac1@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

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Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

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Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

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Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

By its action of April 30, 2026.

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Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

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STATE OF MICHIGAN )

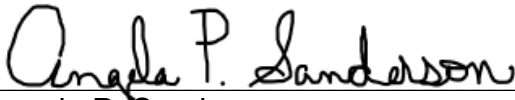
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County of Ingham )

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on April 30, 2026 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.



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

**Service List for Case: U-21566**

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