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BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of **DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY** for approval of its integrated resource plan pursuant to MCL 460.6t and for other relief.	)))))	Case No. U-21193

At the October 15, 2026 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Houghton, Michigan.

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

ORDER

On July 31, 2026, DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric) filed an application in this case (July 31 application), with supporting affidavits and exhibits, pursuant to Section 6t of Public Act 341 of 2016, MCL 460.6t; Section 6j of Public Act 304 of 1982, MCL 460.6j; Public Act 295 of 2008, MCL 460.1001 *et seq*., as amended; and all other applicable law, requesting *ex parte* approval of the power purchase agreement (PPA) with Blazing Star Solar, LLC (Blazing Star). The July 31 application also requests *ex parte* approval of the company-owned Keystone Solar Park Project (Keystone Project) and Peatville Solar Park Project (Peatville Project) (collectively, the Projects) and the engineering procurement and construction (EPC) master service agreements (MSAs) (EPC MSAs) and master supply agreements for solar panel modules (collectively, the Contracts) necessary to develop the Projects, as consistent with DTE Electric's integrated resource

plan (IRP) approved in the July 26, 2023 order in this case (July 26 order) that approved a settlement agreement (IRP settlement agreement) resolving all issues in the company's IRP case.

In the July 31 application, DTE Electric recalls that the IRP settlement agreement provides that the company will seek approval of PPAs and contracts selected for development of renewable resources arising from the IRP through *ex parte* applications to the Commission. *See*, July 26 order, Exhibit A, p. 11. The company notes that the parties to the IRP settlement agreement agreed that projects priced at or below fair market value by the independent monitor (IM) or at or below 150% of the $52.80 per megawatt-hour (MWh) solar levelized cost of energy (LCOE) (i.e., $79.20 per MWh) are consistent with the company's IRP settlement agreement. *See*, *id*., pp. 11-12.

On July 25, 2025, DTE Electric states that it issued an open, non-discriminatory 2025 renewable energy request for proposals (RFP) (2025 RFP) to procure at least 1,350 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy capacity to meet IRP and MIGreenPower (the company's voluntary green pricing program) demand by the fourth quarter of 2028. For the 2025 RFP, the company selected Guidehouse Inc. (Guidehouse) as the IM. Per the company, Guidehouse provided support and oversight of the company's RFP development, administration of the bidding, and proposal evaluation processes. Guidehouse confirmed that the RFP was conducted under an open, non-discriminatory competitive procurement process consistent with the Commission's Competitive Procurement Guidelines and the IRP settlement agreement. July 31 application, pp. 3-4.

DTE Electric explains that the Blazing Star PPA and Projects were selected in the 2025 RFP, which was developed in consultation with the Commission Staff (Staff) pursuant to, and consistent with, the December 4, 2008 order in Case No. U-15800 (December 4 order) and the December 23, 2008 order in Case No. U-15800 (December 23 order); the Competitive Procurement Guidelines

approved in the September 9, 2021 order in Case No. U-20852; and the IRP settlement agreement. July 31 application, p. 4.

DTE Electric's July 31 application states that the Blazing Star PPA is a 125 MW_{AC}[1] solar generation project, the Keystone Solar Project is a 50 MW_{AC} solar generation project, and the Peatville Solar Project is a 185 MW_{AC} solar generation project. The PPA and the Projects comprise 360 MW out of the total RFP ask of 1,350 MW. July 31 application, pp. 4-7. For the Blazing Star PPA, the company explains that the PPA requires Blazing Star Solar to design, engineer, construct, install, start up, test, operate, and maintain the Blazing Star Solar Project (Blazing Star Project) such that it can sell renewable capacity, energy, ancillary services, and renewable energy credits to DTE Electric for a 20-year term. The Blazing Star Project will be sited in Allegan County, Michigan with a commercial operation date (COD) expected in the second quarter of 2029. July 31 application, p. 5; *see also*, *id*., Exhibit 1, Attachment A. DTE Electric states that the Blazing Star PPA is subject to a financial compensation mechanism (FCM) pursuant to Section 6t(15) of Public Act 231 of 2023, MCL 460.6t(15). The company also notes that the PPA includes a Change in Tariff provision, which allows DTE Electric and Blazing Star Solar to increase the contract price due to a trade measure event up to a contract price cap. July 31 application, p. 5. Inclusive of the FCM and contract price cap, the expected LCOE for the Blazing Star PPA is $96 per MWh. *Id*., Exhibit 1, affidavit of Luisa M. Dunlap, p. 10.

As to the Keystone Project, DTE Electric states that the project will be sited in Iosco County, Michigan. The company expects the COD to occur no later than the fourth quarter of 2028 and states that it has entered into a module supply agreement with New East Solar Energy (America) Inc. (New East Solar Energy) and a master service agreement with Barton Malow Company

[1] "MW_{AC}" stands for megawatts of alternating current.

(Barton Malow) for engineering, procurement, and construction. July 31 application, pp. 5-6. The LCOE for the Keystone Project is $83 per MWh. *Id*., Exhibit 1, affidavit of Luisa M. Dunlap, p. 10. For the Peatville Project, which will be sited in Sanilac County, Michigan, the company expects a COD no later than the fourth quarter of 2028. Per the July 31 application, the company has entered into a module supply agreement with New East Solar Energy, Boviet Solar USA Ltd., and Trina Solar (U.S.); and an MSA with Barton Malow for engineering, procurement, and construction. *Id*., pp. 5-6. The LCOE for the Peatville Project is $76 per MWh. *Id*., Exhibit 1, affidavit of Luisa M. Dunlap, p. 10. DTE Electric states that the blended LCOE of the Blazing Star PPA and the Projects is $81 per MWh. *Id*., p. 6.

DTE Electric attests that the PPA and Projects were selected in the 2025 RFP consistent with the December 4 and December 23 orders, the Competitive Procurement Guidelines, and the IRP settlement agreement. The company indicates that the PPA and Projects were shortlisted for IRP and MIGreenPower needs based on the process described above. Consistent with Paragraph 14(b) of the IRP settlement agreement, a summary of the RFP responses was included in Guidehouse's Report entitled, "DTE 2025 Renewable Energy Request for Proposals." *See*, July 31 application, Attachment A to Exhibit 2 (Affidavit of Ralph Luciani), p. 21.

DTE Electric asserts that the PPA and Projects are reasonable and prudent and consistent with the approved IRP settlement agreement, including the costs established therein. July 31 application, p. 5.

DTE Electric adds that it consulted with the Staff on July 28, 2026, to provide an overview and review of the PPA, Projects, and Contracts.

Discussion

The Commission has reviewed DTE Electric's application, including the supporting affidavits and exhibits, and finds that the Blazing Star PPA and the Projects should be approved. The Commission also finds that the PPA and Projects were selected for development in a manner consistent with the requirements set forth in the IRP settlement agreement approved by the Commission in the July 26 order. As to cost recovery, the Commission will review the final costs of the Projects for reasonableness and prudence in a future electric rate case or appropriate reconciliation proceedings.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the July 31, 2026 application filed by DTE Electric Company requesting *ex parte* approval of the Blazing Star Solar, LLC power purchase agreement, the company-owned Keystone Solar Park Project, and the company-owned Peatville Solar Park Project, as well as the contracts necessary for the development of the company-owned projects, are 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 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

Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

By its action of October 15, 2026.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

P R O O F O F S E R V I C E

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

Case No. U-21193

County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on October 15, 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 15th day of October 2026.

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