

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of)
DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY)
for authority to increase its rates, amend)
its rate schedules and rules governing the)
distribution and supply of electric energy, and)
for miscellaneous accounting authority.)

Case No. U-21534

**MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE
TO DTE'S PETITION FOR REHEARING**

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I. Introduction

On January 23, 2025, the Commission issued an order in this docket (January 23 Order) approving DTE Electric Company's Application in part. The January 23 Order stated that the Commission is "adopting a January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 test year, a jurisdictional rate base of \$21,787,037,000, an authorized rate of return on common equity of 9.90%, and an authorized required rate of return of 5.69%", among other holdings. (January 23 Order, p. 464.)

On February 21, 2025, DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric or the Company) filed a petition for rehearing alleging that the order is in error and creates unintended consequences. (DTE Electric Company's Petition for Rehearing, p. 2.) This response by the Michigan Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) replies to that petition.

In this response, Staff does not address all aspects of the petition for rehearing but touches on issues relating to uncollectibles. Any failure to respond should not be taken as agreement. Staff submits that the Commission's January 23 Order is well-supported by the recorded evidence in this case and also recognizes the Commission's right to clarify any matters it sees fit to do so.

II. The Commission’s decision is well-grounded in the record.

The Company stated that it “seeks rehearing pursuant to Rule 437 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, R 792.10437”, and “[m]ore specifically, [because] Staff took the “position that PSCR revenue should be excluded as it is not present on the Company’s exhibits and audited by Staff in this general rate case,” ” as testified to by Staff witness Shannon Rueckert. (6 TR 4991.) The DTE Electric Company acknowledges that the Commission agreed with the Staff in its Order at pages 233-235.

Staff stated in its initial brief at page 95, that “PSCR revenue should be excluded since it is not present in the Company’s exhibits and has not been audited by Staff in this general rate case.” The Company stated in its petition for rehearing, “The exclusion of PSCR revenue results in a \$2,728,000 million decrease to uncollectible expense without any mechanism to recover this amount.” (DTE Electric Company’s Petition for Rehearing, p. 2.) The Staff, as is evidenced by its testimony and brief, and the Commission, as stated in its Order, were well aware of the Company’s argument and simply did not support or approve the relief requested.

The Commission agreed with Staff’s recommendation and its position, as espoused by Staff, is well-grounded in the evidentiary record. (MPSC Case No. U-21534, 01/23/2025 Order, p. 235.)

III. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above and elsewhere in this docket, the Staff submits that DTE Electric Company's petition for rehearing should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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