

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	)	Case No. U-21285
comply with Public Act 295 of 2008, as amended.	)	
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At the August 27, 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 May 28, 2026, DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric) filed an application in this docket (May 28 application), with 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 Northwood Solar Park Project (Northwood Project); the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Master Service Agreement (EPC MSA) with J. Ranck Electric, Inc. (J. Ranck); and the Master Supply Agreements (Module MSAs) for solar panel modules with New East Solar Energy (America), Inc. (NE Solar) and Canadian Solar USA Inc. (Canadian Solar) (collectively, the Contracts) for the Northwood Project.

DTE Electric's request for relief includes a request for a Commission finding that the Northwood Project and the Contracts are consistent with DTE Electric's current amended

renewable energy plan (REP) approved in Case No. U-21662 on May 15, 2025, and will reasonably and prudently fulfill demand for the amended and restated Customer Requested Voluntary Green Pricing (VGP) contract (A&R special contract) between DTE Electric and Ford Motor Company (Ford).

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, the company's VGP program, that will be implemented through the execution of individual special contracts that are filed with the Commission on an *ex parte* basis. June 9 order, pp. 7-10.

DTE Electric's May 28 application explains that on July 27, 2022, DTE Electric and Ford entered into a customer-requested special contract for DTE Electric to build up to 675 megawatts (MW) of dedicated solar projects. DTE Electric states that it consulted with the Commission Staff (Staff) on April 28, 2022, to provide an overview and review of the proposed special contract with Ford, and on August 10, 2022, the company hosted an information session with intervenors from Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* consistent with Paragraph 9.1.3.6 of the Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* partial settlement agreement. May 28 application, p. 2.

On September 30, 2022, the company filed for approval of the proposed special contract in this docket. In the December 21, 2022 order in this docket (December 21 order), the Commission approved the special contract and ordered DTE Electric to file any amendments to the special contract in this docket. December 21 order, p. 6.

On September 6, 2024, DTE Electric filed an application in this docket for *ex parte* approval of the A&R special contract between DTE Electric and Ford dated June 29, 2023. In the December 19, 2024 order in this case (December 19 order), the Commission approved the A&R special contract and found that the requested updated pricing therein remains consistent with the subscription charge and associated bill credit methodology of MIGreenPower Rider 17, whereby revenue from the A&R special contract will cover the revenue requirement of the project(s) over the life of the contract. December 19 order, pp. 2-3.

DTE Electric's May 28 application seeks *ex parte* approval for the construction of the Northwood Project to fulfill the A&R special contract. As detailed in the affidavit filed in support of the May 28 application, the Northwood Project will be sited in Saginaw County, Michigan, and will interconnect into Michigan Electric Transmission Company's new 138-kilovolt Ditch Switching Station and is anticipated to provide 125 MW of alternating current renewable energy nameplate capacity. The commercial operation date of the Northwood Project is expected to occur in the 4th quarter of 2028.

With respect to the contracts necessary for the development of the Northwood Project, DTE Electric represents that it has entered into Module MSAs with NE Solar and Canadian Solar, along with an EPC MSA with J. Ranck. May 28 application, pp. 3-4; *see also id.*, Exhibit 1, p. 3.

DTE Electric issued a request for proposals (RFP) on November 11, 2023, in which the company sought 525 MW of renewable capacity for customer-requested special contracts. The May 28 application states that the RFP followed the Commission's Competitive Procurement Guidelines as identified in the July 2, 2024 order approving the partial settlement agreement in

Case No. U-21172 (July 2 order).¹ The Northwood Project was selected to be incorporated into the portfolio of resources used to fulfill the A&R special contract between DTE Electric and Ford. DTE Electric asserts that the capacity of the Northwood Project is within the VGP program capacity prespecified in the partial settlement agreement in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* May 28 application, p. 3.

DTE Electric indicates that the estimated Northwood Project installed cost is \$2,314/kilowatt and the estimated price is expected to be \$70 per megawatt-hour (MWh), which blends with Ford's traditional MIGreenPower enrollment to satisfy the \$62 per MWh price in the A&R special contract. The company asserts that the Northwood Project will be eligible for the 30% federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) and is expected to qualify for an additional 10% ITC value assuming availability/eligibility of the Energy Community bonus. Per the company, the nominal ITC value for the Northwood Project is approximately \$92 million.

DTE Electric states that it consulted with the Staff on May 22, 2026, to provide an overview and review of the Northwood Project and related Contracts.

The Commission has reviewed DTE Electric's May 28 application, supporting affidavit and exhibits, the applicable statutory language and Commission orders, as well as the partial settlement agreements in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* and Case No. U-21172, and finds that the Northwood Project and the Contracts should be approved. The Commission finds that the Northwood Project

¹ In the July 2 order, DTE Electric, the Commission, and other parties agreed to updated terms governing the acquisition of resources to satisfy special contracts. The Case No. U-21172 partial settlement agreement states that "(the Company) will target the acquisition of a minimum of 50% of the capacity required to fulfill each Special Contract through build transfer agreements ('BTAs') with unaffiliated third parties ('50% Requirement'). The company shall not be required to issue more than one RFP per Special Contract." *See*, May 29, 2024 Partial Settlement in Case No U-21172, p. 2. The RFP sought 525 MW of renewable capacity for Customer Requested Special Contracts and thereby fulfilled the "50% Requirement". Currently, no projects have been contracted from the RFP.

and Contracts are consistent with DTE Electric's current amended REP approved in Case No. U-21662 on May 15, 2025, and the requirements set forth in the December 21 order, the December 19 order, and the partial settlement agreements in Case Nos. U-20713 *et al.* and Case No. U-21172.

As to cost recovery, the Commission will review the final costs for the Northwood Project for reasonableness and prudence in the appropriate renewable energy reconciliation proceeding following the Northwood Project's commercial operation. The Commission further finds that *ex parte* review and approval are appropriate because the Northwood Project and Contracts 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 28, 2026 application filed by DTE Electric Company seeking *ex parte* approval of the Northwood Solar Park Project, including the Master Supply Agreements for solar modules and Master Service Agreement for the engineering, procurement, and construction, 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 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 August 27, 2026.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)

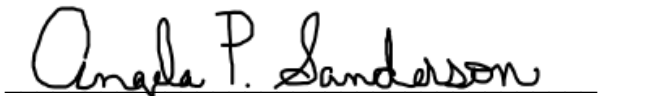
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County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on August 27, 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 27th day of August 2026.


Angela P. Sanderson
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As acting in Eaton County
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