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Supervisor Mr. Valerie McCallum PO Box 429 4988 Kinde Road Caseville MI 48725

Dear Mr. Valerie McCallum:

As you are aware, DTE Electric Company has been installing advanced utility meters in a number of communities in Southeast Michigan.

On June 29, 2012, the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC") Staff issued its' report which specifically addressed the safety of advanced meters. After careful review, the Staff determined that "the health risk from the installation and operation of metering systems using radio transmitters is insignificant...The appropriate federal health and safety regulations provide assurance that smart meters represent a safe technology." (See MPSC Report to the Commission in Case No U-17000).

On September 11, 2012, the MPSC issued an Order directing DTE Electric to file a proposed tariff that would allow individual residential customers to "opt-out" of the advanced meter program (See MPSC Order in Case No U-17000). In response to the Commission's Order, DTE Electric filed its' proposal for an "Opt-Out Program." On May 15, 2013, the MPSC approved DTE Electric's Opt-Out Program.

Customers who choose to participate in the Opt-Out Program will have a non-transmitting (radio-off) digital meter installed. In order to participate in this program, the DTE Electric customer must meet the following requirements:

- Be a residential customer
- Be the DTE Electric customer of record at the indicated site address
- Agree to pay the following fees:
 - \$67.20 AMI Opt-Out Initial Fee
 - \$9.80 AMI Opt-Out Monthly Charge

These fees will be assessed for each site address participating in the Opt-Out Program.

Customers who participate in the Opt-Out Program will not receive the benefits that the advanced metering technology has to offer, such as:

- Automatic power outage detection
- Remote reading of your electric meter
- Fewer estimated bills

Director, Regional Relations

Access to their daily energy usage information

Thank you for your attention, and we appreciate the opportunity to serve your community.

Sincerely,

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