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Dear Public Service Commissioners,

As business owners and leaders of the Great Lakes Business Network we are concerned about the impact that DTE's proposed IRP will have on our current climate crisis. With worsening externalities of climate change, like rising temperatures, flooding, and energy instability our ability to continue to conduct business in Michigan is directly threatened. With the proposed usage of coal power plants until 2035, DTE's Energy plan does not go far enough in addressing pollution in our communities and taking action on climate change, the environmental threat of our lifetimes.

Michigan has burned dirty, expensive coal for too long, and our communities have had to deal with the pollution from these plants. DTE's IRP clearly shows an affinity for profit and neglect of serious innovation and long term planning.

Earlier this year, Governor Whitmer announced her MI Healthy Climate Plan, which calls for closing all coal plants in Michigan by 2030. This is in line with the international consensus that coal plants must be retired by 2030 in order to meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement

As business owners who wish to see more renewable energy sources powering our businesses, DTE should embrace all forms of clean energy, and that includes rooftop solar and community owned solar. DTE has fought to block legislation that would promote these resources and has advocated for unfair prices for Michiganders who generate their own clean energy. We need all the renewable energy we can get to make sure Michigan is doing its part to address the climate crisis.

At a time when the nation has voted to invest billions in clean energy and the climate is warming faster than it ever has before, we urge the PSC to deny the proposed DTE IRP. In doing so, the PSC will stop detrimental impacts on the climate and ensure our state is not locked into outdated fossil fuels.

Sincerely,



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