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Attached are my comments regarding the DTE Energy project in Monroe, Michigan. I was unable to make your public hearings due to previous engagements.

Thanks and all the best,

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As President/CEO of the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau, I would like to offer support for DTE Energy's proposed Fermi III power plant from a fresh new perspective.

As producer of some of our communities finest and most well attended events and activities…as well as leading the organization responsible for marketing and promoting Monroe County as a tourism destination, my experiences with DTE Energy, their employees and their facilities…have been, well, a powerful one.

DTE Energy is one of our communities largest employers and yes they are responsible for tremendous economic impact and development. But what folks may not know, is that to organizations like mine, they are responsible for tremendous impact on the quality of life here in what they give back as volunteers, sponsors and friends. Through their McCarthy Grant program, as one example, hundreds of volunteers work tirelessly at events throughout our community, insuring that they are well staffed, offering warm and friendly hospitality and seeing to it that the events achieve the greatest success possible. Our River Raisin Jazz Festival is one fine example of that, attracting more than 50,000 music lovers to Monroe to enjoy a weekend chock full of FREE LIVE Jazz music on the banks of the Historic River Raisin the 2nd weekend of August each year. Now in its 8th year, the Jazz Festival is the pride of Monroe County and Michigan as one of the largest and most successful FREE festivals in the state. This is in no small part due to the contributions of DTE Energy, their volunteers and our other Jazzy partners.

In addition, the workforce that is employed by DTE both home and from far and away, provide our community with a constant influx of what we affectionately refer to as "occupational tourists". Folks who travel to Monroe County for work, yet seek the same fun, entertainment, dining, shopping and other "tourist" activities as do families who come to stay with us for leisurely vacations. Over 20 million visitors pass through our community each year, representing nearly a half billion dollar economic impact on our county. DTE Energy employees and contractors are a major contributor to these statistics and those who benefit from them. As the single largest contributor to Congressman John Dingell's International Wildlife Refuge, DTE is an outstanding steward of our environment as well.

All in all, DTE Energy, their employees and their power plants here in Monroe County that provide electricity to our homes, schools, businesses and places of worship, make a significant contribution to every aspect of our lives. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau, we are both grateful and excited about the future contributions made to Monroe County and its citizens by our friends and their families of DTE Energy.

Comments for the NRC. Wednesday January 14, 2009