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- References: 1) Enrico Fermi Atomic Power Plant, Unit No. 1
NRC Docket No. 50-16
NRC License No. DPR-9
- 2) Detroit Edison letter, NRC-08-0026, "Decommissioning Funding Status Report for Fermi 1", date March 31, 2008

Subject: Supplemental Information for Decommissioning Funding Status Report for Fermi 1

This letter provides clarification information for the report Detroit Edison submitted in Reference 2 for Fermi 1.

Fermi 1 is a permanently shutdown experimental sodium cooled breeder reactor, which last operated in 1972. It is in the SAFSTOR status and its possession-only license expires in 2025. Decommissioning activities are being performed with the goal of removing the radioactive material and terminating the Fermi 1 license.

Reference 2 included a copy of the updated DTE Energy Parent Company Guarantee and the financial test for the guarantee providing decommissioning funding assurance.

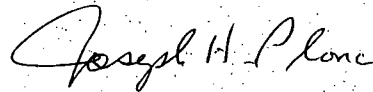
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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reviewer asked several questions regarding the Reference 2 submittals. Ms. Lynne Goodman, Detroit Edison and Messers Theodore Smith and Kenneth Kline, from the NRC, discussed the answers in a telecom on October 14, 2008. The attachment to this letter documents the clarifications provided. Mr. David E. Meader, DTE Energy Chief Financial Officer, has signed the attachment, as requested, since the clarifications pertain to the documents he had previously signed.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Lynne Goodman of my staff at 734-586-1205.

Sincerely,



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Attachment (1): Clarifications on DTE Energy Parent Company Guarantee for Fermi 1 and Chief Financial Officer Letter

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NRR Chron File
NRC Notebook (Fermi 1)

Clarifications on DTE Energy Company Parent Company Guarantee for Fermi 1 and Chief Financial Officer Letter

1. NRC Request

Explicitly state that the Parent Company Guarantee applies only for Fermi 1.

DTE Energy Response

The DTE Energy Company (DTE Energy) Parent Company Guarantee for \$30,000,000 providing financial assurance for Fermi 1 decommissioning applies only for the Fermi Atomic Power Plant, Unit 1, and for no other reactors or parts thereof.

2. NRC Request

State DTE Energy's long-term unsecured debt rating at end of 2007 and its basis.

DTE Energy Response

DTE Energy's Senior Unsecured Debt rating at the end of 2007 was BBB-, as rated by Standard and Poor's, and Baa2, as rated by Moody's. This was as reported on Form 10K with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

DTE Energy has issued long-term unsecured notes rather than bonds. The terminology used in the Parent Company Guarantee refers to notes accordingly. For the financial test, the DTE Energy senior unsecured debt rating was used, though it was based on notes rather than bonds per the question. The issuance and maturity dates listed in the financial test were for the latest unsecured note issuance. Per discussion with the Standard and Poor's Primary Credit Analyst for DTE Energy, the rating assigned to DTE Energy Company would be applicable to either unsecured notes or bonds of the same duration.

3. NRC Request

Address how DTE Energy has determined that its senior unsecured debt rating of BBB- meets the financial test criteria based on its being in the BBB category.

DTE Energy Response

DTE Energy Company has stated that its senior unsecured debt ratings meet BBB or better (if issued by Standard & Poor's), or Baa or better (if issued by Moody's) in the Parent Company Guarantee and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) letter based on its senior unsecured debt rating of BBB- being in the BBB category, and Baa2 being in the Baa category. "BBB" and "Baa" are rating categories, not specific ratings, so DTE Energy has interpreted the criteria to be that the ratings are within the BBB category or Baa category or better.

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4. NRC Request

The Chief Financial Officer's letter containing the financial test did not explicitly state that he certified the information is true and correct to the best of his knowledge. Include the certification statement in the clarification letter.

DTE Energy Response

The CFO signature on the CFO letter, Attachment 2, to Reference 2), was intended to certify that the information was true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

I hereby certify the information in the clarification is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

By:



David E. Meader
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

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Date