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Re: Docket ID NRC-2014-0109

I am submitting these comments for the record concerning Docket No. NRC-2014-0109 -- the DTE Electric Company's application for a 20-year extension of the operating license for Enrico Fermi Unit 2.

My name is Floreine Mentel and I am a former Monroe County Commissioner. Thank you for this opportunity to offer the perspective of a life-long Monroe County resident and someone who has been involved in this community for decades.

I support the DTE Energy's application for an extension to its license for Fermi 2. Despite the concerns expressed whenever nuclear power is discussed, it is my belief that there are no reasons -- environmental or otherwise -- why DTE Energy's application for a license extension should not be approved.

Fermi 2 has been in operation for a quarter century. During that time, it has demonstrated that it is committed to enlightened operational and environmental stewardship. They have demonstrated that they are good stewards of the environment through their involvement with the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge and the attention that they devote to their property in partnership with the Wildlife Habitat Council. This license renewal would not have any impact to the immediate environment, it would allow it to continue to flourish thanks to the Company's great management of the site.

I can say with great certainty that if DTE Energy says they are going to do something, they do it. There are many reasons for why the license extension should be approved. Thinking of my lifelong home, the construction operation of Fermi 2 would be good for Monroe County.

I am thinking specifically and first of the great number of jobs involved. Hundreds of good-paying jobs for current DTE Energy employees, the hundreds of

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contractors employed at any given time as well as the indirect jobs supported by Fermi 2-related spending. As a former County Commissioner, I know they are our number 1 tax payer in Monroe County as well and how important this is to our schools, roads, and local governments.

Second, it will continue to provide much needed electricity for our homes, offices and businesses. This is electricity on which we have come to depend. Replacing it would not necessarily be easy or less costly.

My confidence in nuclear power and DTE Energy is built on my experiences taking schoolchildren on "field trips" to the plant in the years before 9-11 ... getting to see things up close and getting to talk with their employees.

Additionally, in my many years of involvement in the community, I am hard-pressed to think of any significant endeavors that did not involve DTE Energy or its employees. In fact, as chair of Monroe County Michigan Week, I nominated DTE Energy and Fermi 2 with the Minute Man and Corporate Citizenship awards. They are interested and active in the community. DTE Energy is always there to help. In a relatively small town like Monroe, being described as a good neighbor is a highly valued compliment. DTE Energy is a very, very good neighbor. I am confident that vast majority of Monroe County residents will want the peace of mind that will come from renewing Fermi 2's operating license for 20 additional years.

Sincerely,

*Floreine Mentel*  
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