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Re: Docket ID NRC-2014-0109

Dear Ms. Bladey:

On behalf of the County of Monroe, Michigan, I am submitting these comments for the record concerning Docket No. NRC-2014-0109 and the DTE Electric Company's application for a 20-year extension of the operating license for the Enrico Fermi Unit 2 nuclear power plant located in Newport, Michigan.

Across Monroe County, there is widespread support for the application submitted by DTE Energy for a license renewal for Fermi 2. Monroe County has a long and mutually beneficial relationship with DTE Energy and our support of the operating license extension demonstrates our level of confidence in the company to continue to safely operate the plant. For the past 28 years, DTE Energy has built a record of safely operating Fermi 2 and produced nearly 200 billion kilowatt hours of electricity for our state.

As measures are taken to reduce the amount of fossil fuel and related emissions that contribute to air pollution, we know the license renewal of Fermi 2 is a source of needed electricity that is carbon-free. As the country and world grapples the challenges to our environment and efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize nuclear power generation as the most practical source of replacing base load capacity. Renewing this license will maintain the existing generating capacity in our state and at the same time provide a cost-effective way to ensure a reliable supply of electricity for southeast Michigan for citizens and businesses.

This letter of support also recognizes that DTE Energy and the Fermi 2 Nuclear Power plant and its employees are important to the economic and social fabric of Monroe County. The plant is an economic asset, providing well-paying jobs for thousands of men and women, contributing millions of dollars in tax revenues to local units of government, and the employees contribute thousands of hours of volunteer services to dozens of local charities. A decision to contrary in renewing the operating license would have widespread negative economic impact to the region of southeast Michigan.

On behalf of the County of Monroe, its citizens and the many interests positively served by the continued operation of the DTE Energy Fermi 2 Nuclear Power plant, I acknowledge

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DTE Energy for the vision to seek the operating license renewal. The long-term viability of our state and region depends on sources of reliable energy and these include a mixed portfolio that includes nuclear power. We support the continued operation of this plant for the next 20 years.

Your support will be appreciated.

Sincerely,


J. Henry Lievens, Chairman
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