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Detroit Edison and MichCon retirees  
working to preserve our hard earned benefits

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**Re: Docket ID NRC-2014-0109 - Fermi 2 License Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

Dear Ms. Bladey:

I am submitting these comments for the record concerning **Docket ID NRC-2014-0109 Fermi 2 License Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement** and the DTE Electric Company's application for a 20-year extension of the operating license for Enrico Fermi Unit 2.

I am president of DEAR, The Detroit Edison Alliance of Retirees representing over 11,000 retirees. DEAR is dedicated to speaking in a uniform and united voice in an effort to protect and maintain retirement benefits for all Detroit Edison, MichCon and DTE Energy affiliate retirees. The DEAR organization is not affiliated in any manner with DTE Energy Company.

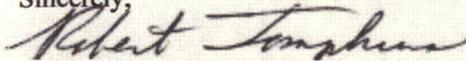
While we are not "affiliated" with the DTE Energy Company, as retirees we are very interested in anything that involves or affects the financial health of DTE Energy and its ability to honor its obligations to its retirees - we want DTE Energy to succeed. Because many of us continue to be customers, we also want to see costs to customers as reasonable as possible and also care about the impact the operations of the company can have on the environment. DTE Energy has a history of taking its stewardship of the environment seriously as evidenced by their approach to the environment as it relates to their nuclear operations:

- More than 600 pristine acres of property on the Fermi site are part of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. That land is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and is teeming with undisturbed wildlife.
- In 2001, Fermi 2 was the first nuclear power plant in the state to achieve Clean Corporate Citizenship status.
- Fermi has also maintained Wildlife Habitat Council certification since 2000.
- Nuclear power plants are the only large-scale power sources that do not emit any greenhouse gases.
- The use of nuclear power to generate electricity avoids emissions of nearly as much carbon dioxide as is released from all U.S. passenger cars combined.

Because our members devoted their working lives to meeting the energy needs of Michigan's residents, we also have strong feelings about the electric industry in Michigan and its future. That's why we are heartened that DTE Energy has formally applied to extend Fermi 2's operating license until 2045. We encourage you to take that into consideration as you conduct your examination and reach your conclusions.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert Tompkins

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