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Re: Docket ID NRC-2014-0109

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 Enrico Fermi Unit II.

Fermi II — and nuclear power — is not an abstract concept for me. I am a life-long resident of Monroe County and through the years have been involved in the nuclear energy industry representing the residents of Monroe County as a county commissioner, state representative and now senator of the 17th District which is the home of Fermi II. Throughout the years, I have had professional and personal relationships with the industry participating in community workshops, emergency planning, meetings in Washington D. C., and have visited Yucca Mountain twice. Currently, I am a member of the Michigan Senate Energy and Technology Committee and previously was a member of the Michigan House Energy and Technology Committee. Living in Monroe County my entire life, my family started an automotive repair company in 1953, and in 1982 I entered public service that has built my love for our community and its people.

During my tenure on the county board of commissioners, and as Board Chairman, I performed the duties of Chief Executive of the Monroe County Emergency Operations Center including extensive training in emergency services (such as Fermi drills and exercises) and have experience in actual emergency events such as the Comair Airline accident in 1997.

On a professional level, I have been fortunate to have an "insider's" view of the history and development of Fermi II as it unfolded over the decades and my perspective is shaped by my experiences as Fermi I and Fermi II were built and operated, bringing waves of investment, new development, and growth to this county. I have seen Detroit Edison and DTE Energy

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responsibly manage the construction and operation of both plants. In the case of Fermi 1, I have been witness to its safe and secure decommissioning.

While safely generating more than 190 million megawatts of electricity, which is about 20 percent of the total of DTE Energy's generating capacity, and employing 850 full-time employees and hundreds of supplemental contract workers, I have witnessed DTE Energy's stewardship of the both the Fermi complex and its Monroe Power Plant property.

DTE has distinguished itself by successfully completing the ISO 14001 international standard for environmental quality management in both the Fermi II and Monroe Power Plant operations and has received the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration's coveted Michigan Voluntary Protection Program and the Star Award while working over five-million safe hours. It was designated a Clean Corporate Citizen from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, is a dedicated supporter of the Downriver International Wildlife Refuge, and was awarded the Wildlife Site of the Year Award from the Wildlife Habitat Council.

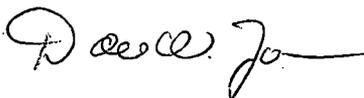
Throughout the years, DTE Energy has proven to be an environmental friendly neighbor that takes an active part to protect our natural resources and to improve the quality of our environment. I've visited Fermi II many times and it is an environmental gem in Monroe County. I've seen the deer that roam, the water fowl on Fermi's waterways, and bald eagles that nest in its trees. It is a testament to Fermi II's environmental dedication that more than 600 of its acres are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

From a personal standpoint, I have experienced the proud tradition of community service by DTE employees and the DTE Energy Foundation that supports public improvement projects such as Wildlife Habitats, United Way of Monroe County, Habitat for Humanity, the Lotus Garden Club, the American Red Cross, local public schools, the Salvation Army, Relay for Life, and other community projects.

Michigan has a well rounded energy portfolio which includes natural gas, hydroelectric, coal, nuclear power, and in more recent years, solar and wind renewables. Expanding America's nuclear energy industry is vital to meeting a growing electricity demand, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancing U.S. energy security. Developing advanced technologies and ensuring that there is a sustainable used fuel management policy is an important part of America's nuclear energy future.

Because of the above stated comments, and as we work together to meet energy needs, I give my support for a twenty year licensee extension for the Fermi II Power Plant located in Monroe County, Michigan.

Sincerely,



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