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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 2 in Frenchtown Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

As an affected individual member of the public and a Southeast Michigan resident living within a 50-mile radius of Fermi, Unit 2, I stand firmly with those opposing the license extension and add my voice to the growing local, regional, national and global alliances coming together to end the era of nuclear electric power generation. I urge the Commission to move both expeditiously and prudently on this matter.

I oppose the license renewal for many reasons including the fact that nuclear power is simply not a cost-effective way to ensure a long-term reliable supply of electricity for Southeast Michigan. Actually, nuclear power is perhaps the least cost-effective option available and its competitive disadvantage is growing daily; in a free market, the nuclear industry would have long ago ceased to exist as a going concern. It is ironic that Michigan State Senator Randy Richardville, who leads an extremely conservative Republican majority, does not have the foresight to recognize his own hypocrisy and misguided position.

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It is disappointing that the accomplished professional educator Dr. Stephen J. McNew, Superintendent of Monroe County Intermediate School District (MCISD), is misinformed and poorly educated on the subject of nuclear power, as he believes the myth that nuclear energy is "carbon-free." Even worse, despite his advocacy for the well-being of children and teens, Dr.

McNew ironically supports an industry which is legally authorized to release radioactivity into the environment routinely by design, bioaccumulating in the food chain and raising serious public health concerns.

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Fortunately, Mr. James (Jim) A. McDevitt, Supervisor, Frenchtown Charter Township, does not hold a consensus position among the Township Trustees. On the contrary, there exists deeply profound and vocal objection among many residents of Monroe County towards the policy positions of various local officials and politicians who unfortunately support DTE's Fermi, Unit 2 License Renewal Application. Many residents of Monroe County recognize that Mr. McDevitt is mistaken to view uranium (atomic fission) as "a source of safe, reliable, reasonably priced power and economic opportunity and stability."

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Furthermore, I suggest that Mr. Robert Tompkins, President of DEAR (Detroit Edison Alliance of Retirees), an organization which independently represents the financial concerns of thousands of DTE retirees, should seriously consider the insurmountable financial risks and liabilities that come along with strategic investments in nuclear energy. With minimal research, Mr. Tompkins would quickly see that utility companies in the U.S. and around the world are increasingly realizing the existential threat that nuclear energy poses to their long-term viability and financial interests.

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Finally, for full disclosure, I acknowledge my substantive involvement with the Coalition of Fermi Petitioners/Intervenors, and I fully endorse their work and public submissions. I also stand by my previous individual oral comments delivered at a recent NRC Public Meeting in Monroe, Michigan pertaining to the Fermi, Unit 2 LRA Environmental Review Scoping Process, although I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the written transcript.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

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