

From: dillonsees@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Dillon Clapp](#)
To: [Rep. Rachelle Smit \(District 43\)](#)
Subject: Hold DTE accountable for outages
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 12:04:16 PM

Dear Rep. Smit:

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Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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Dillon Clapp
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From: tarantylert1987@gmail.com on behalf of [Tara Tyler](#)
To: [Rep. Rachelle Smit \(District 43\)](#)
Subject: Hold DTE accountable for outages
Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023 11:09:12 AM

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Tara Tyler
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Rep. Rachelle Smit (District 43)

From: Christopher Harris (charris1460@hotmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <kwautomail@phone2action.com>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Rep. Rachelle Smit (District 43)
Subject: Hold Michigan's Energy Utilities Accountable For Power Outages

Dear Rep. Rachelle Smit,

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That's why I am asking you to hold or request hearings in the legislature's energy committees as soon as possible to hold both DTE and Consumers accountable for the massive power outages throughout their service territories. At these hearings it is critical that lawmakers not only hear from the utilities, but hear from outside experts, advocacy groups, and impacted community members as well.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Denise Mentzer (District 61)

From: Paul Maljak <pmaljak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:40 AM
To: Rep. Denise Mentzer (District 61)
Subject: Power Outages & Utilities

Categories: Constituents

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Hello Representative Mentzer,

I write today urging public ownership of all utilities, electric, gas, water, internet. I am fully aware of the insignificance of my voice as a voter when compared to the voice of a faceless corporation, such as DTE, that donates campaign money heavily to all candidates, including our governor, and probably you.

We citizens have had enough of these for profit companies running utilities necessary for life with minimal or NO alternative choice for the consumer.

Notably, DTE has failed the Breitmeyer Hills neighborhood in Mount Clemens multiple times in the 4 short years since my family purchased our home here.

This neighborhood is filled with beautiful, tall, UNMAINTAINED old trees who's weighty, tired branches hover precariously over vital power lines. Who is responsible for / neglecting maintenance of trees over power lines?

I'd guess that responsibility falls to the FOR PROFIT company that we have to keep paying, whether or not our power is connected and our homes are heated.

Take them over, shareholders be damned. Take them ALL over.

Cynically Yours,
Paul Maljak
Voter

Rep. Denise Mentzer (District 61)

From: Kelly Gray <kljgray@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 12:04 PM
To: Rep. Denise Mentzer (District 61)
Subject: DTE Rate Hike

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Good morning Rep. Mentzer,

I would like to register my objection to DTE Energy receiving a rate increase, especially after their sub-par performance in restoring power during the recent winter storms. DTE has been touting their grid upgrades for years, so why all of a sudden do they need \$622 million more? I can understand a slight increase to help with the economic downturn, but DTE simply has not proven they can justify such a 14% increase for residential service.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kelly Gray
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Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Rep. Denise Mentzer (District 61)

From: jpresnail=hour-media.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Jaime Presnail <jpresnail@hour-media.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:02 AM
To: Rep. Denise Mentzer (District 61)
Subject: Hold DTE accountable for outages

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Jaime Presnail
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Rep. Denise Mentzer (District 61)

From: Renee Karbousky (rkarbousky@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
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Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:19 AM
To: Rep. Denise Mentzer (District 61)
Subject: Hold Michigan's Energy Utilities Accountable For Power Outages

Categories: Constituents

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Sincerely,

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#1668 Power Outages

Submitted		Received via	Requester		
March 13, 2023 at 12:17 PM		Mail	Gail Stanford <gchelle24@yahoo.com>		
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Custom Subject
Power Outages

Gail Stanford March 13, 2023 at 12:17 PM

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Hello Everyone,

Can you tell me are there any plans to have town halls meetings and/or speak with those of us that live in the district that you represent about the problem with DTE and the more frequent power outages. DTE and Consumers Energy should be held accountable for these massive power outages. People have had to resort to sleeping in the cold, staying with relatives, in hotels (cost). Throwing out food in refrigerators and freezers (cost). A \$35 credit does not even put a dent in what it cost to replace food these days.

Apparently, the wiring in Southeast Michigan needs to be upgraded. So what are these energy companies doing with all of the money they have been getting from consumers already and they still want to go up on cost for gas and electricity.

I live in the Romulus, MI area and although my power was out on February 23rd for only 12 hours, there were others in the area surrounding me that were out for even longer. It is 2023 and we should not have to live like is 1923.

In August of 2021, my power was out for 3 1/2 days, leading to me having to throw away food and clean up the water in my basement due to the sump pump not working. I was not able at that time to purchase a generator and I shouldn't have to. DTE needs to spend the money to make the upgrades no matter how long it takes.

My question is there a plan for you all to fight for us and hold DTE and Consumers Energy accountable? You are the only ones who can be our VOICE.

Thank you.

Gail Stanford
(Concerned Voter)

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Rep. Kevin Coleman (Distri

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I have been held with the high light bills that I personally can't afford to pay and now they are raising the rates again. I moved to Michigan from Alabama and the DTE energy outages are definitely insane. I lived through several hurricanes as well as several tornadoes and never lost power for more than 3 days. But, this summer I was without power for 6 days for a simple summer thunderstorm. This time thankfully I didn't lose power, but we need to quit padding the pockets of the owner if he can't protect the power for Michiganders

Sincerely,

christina Olgers

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Rep. Kevin Coleman (District 25)

From: Erik Larsen <elarsen99@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2023 1:32 PM
To: Rep. Kevin Coleman (District 25)
Subject: DTE

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Can we please make DTE more accountable for power outages, I am a Westland resident and lost power Wednesday night and as of Sunday afternoon still no power. The map they use to chart outages is unreliable as they can't even track who has power and who doesn't and no one should have to be out for 5 days. There should be an investigation done on why the infrastructure for DTE is so bad and outdated. This is me just venting I guess but I believe it's as citizens we should have better service for a public utility we pay for.

Thanks
Erik Larsen

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

Sincerely,

Elaine Hendrickson
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Westland MI, 48185-3043

Christopher Wardell

From: Rep. Kevin Coleman (District 25)
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 1:15 PM
To: Christopher Wardell
Subject: FW: Script for 3/14/23 Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee Hearing
Attachments: Military Script 3-14-23 FINAL.docx

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From: Alexander Seasock <aseasock@house.mi.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 11:18 AM
To: Kevin Coleman <KColeman@house.mi.gov>; Rep. Kevin Coleman (District 25) <KevinColeman@house.mi.gov>
Cc: Christopher Wardell <CWardell@house.mi.gov>; Faith Norwood <FNorwood@house.mi.gov>
Subject: Script for 3/14/23 Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee Hearing

Good Morning!

Attached is the script we will collectively be using for tomorrow's Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committee hearing (where Rep. Coleman takes the gavel while Rep. Conlin testifies to her bill). Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Alex Seasock
Legislative Director
Office of Rep. Jennifer Conlin
(517) 373-7557

Christopher Wardell

From: Faith Norwood
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:02 PM
To: Christopher Wardell
Subject: FW: Hold DTE accountable for outages

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From: bently2411@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io <bently2411@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io> **On Behalf Of** Elaine Hendrickson
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 12:52 PM
To: Rep. Kevin Coleman (District 25) <KevinColeman@house.mi.gov>
Subject: Hold DTE accountable for outages

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Sincerely,

#1827 Hold DTE Energy accountable

Submitted March 1, 2023 at 8:59 AM
Received via Mail
Requester amlyles@umich.edu <amlyles@umich.edu>

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Group -
Status Open
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Priority Normal
Type -

Batch Energy::DTE Energy Crisis
Custom Subject Hold DTE Energy accountable
Tags Dropdown Energy::DTE Energy Crisis

amlyles@umich.edu March 1, 2023 at 8:59 AM

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Dear Representative Mike McFall,

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Sincerely,
 Ashley Lyles
 612 W Harwood Ave Madison Heights, MI 48071-3940
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Hi Representative Shannon,

I am reaching out you as I close in on 96 hours without power.

I continue to watch as DTE Energy is not held accountable for its poor management of our power infrastructure. The CEO, Jerry Norcia, received a \$2M bonus in 2021 and yet I sit as a middle class family who just lost a refrigerator and two freezers of food at a time where inflation is pinching the middle class. I spent two of the last four nights in a hotel. I have a husband who is a Type 1 diabetic and needs electricity for his insulin pump. I work from home and have not been able to work for two (going on three days). I also worry about my pipes freezing as another ice event approaches tomorrow.

While I do appreciate the line workers out there repairing, DTE is not doing enough to help those who are sitting in 46 degree homes. They are not reinvesting their record profits into the basic infrastructure.

I plead that the legislature introduce a bill to prevent this for-profit, publicly-traded monopoly utility company from doing this again.

Thank you for your time and representation

District 58 Constituent
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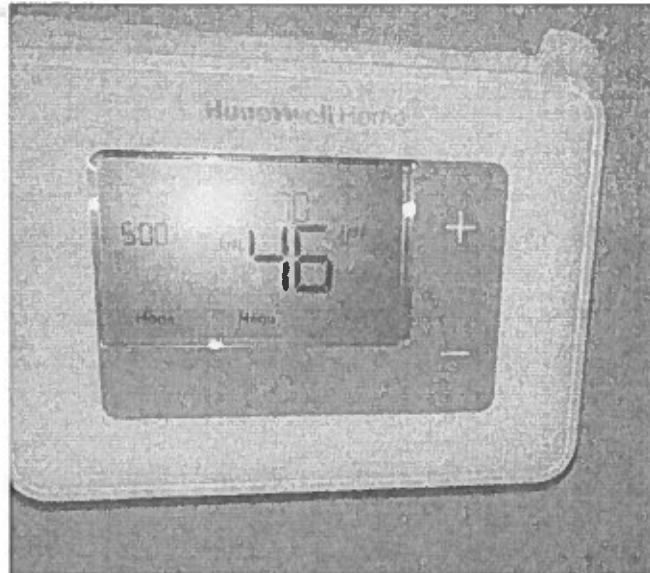
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Of this total \$1,276,923 was received as a salary, \$2,032,700 was received as a bonus, \$0 was received in stock options, \$6,524,979 was awarded as stock and \$220,076 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to proxy statements filed for the 2021 fiscal year.

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Emails to Rep Liberati regarding DTE power outages

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Allen Park MI, 48101-2281

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Southgate, MI 48195-3033

Dear Representative Tullio Liberati,

Each time the power goes out, our community takes a hit. We spend hundreds of dollars replacing spoiled food, and miss days of work or school. For elderly family members and neighbors, who are vulnerable to element exposure, and for people with medical devices that require electricity, blackouts can be deadly. Nearly a million people in Michigan are without power today, with nighttime temperatures falling well below freezing in the coming days.

Meanwhile, our state's investor-owned monopoly utilities shovel profits to shareholders and evade accountability for the real costs of their failing infrastructure.

In short, hundreds of thousands of families are sitting in the cold without power again because DTE has prioritized shareholder profits over affordable, reliable electricity for customers. What's worse, DTE pours money into campaign donations and lobbying because it's paid off for them. More than 90 percent of state legislators took money from DTE in the 2022 election. They've effectively escaped accountability despite consistent public outrage at their awful service, long blackouts, and rising rates.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Michiganders shouldn't go days on end without power while nothing is done because we haven't mustered the political courage to stand up to an investor-owned utility bully.

That is why I am writing to encourage you to stand firmly in your values & show people whose side you're on. Customers deserve automatic, hourly compensation for hours in the dark – and utilities should not be able to raise rates to cover the costs of compensation if they perform worse than their peers in the industry.

We need reliable, affordable, people-centered energy that meets the needs of all Michiganders. When the power goes out, it's always an inconvenience, but for many it can have huge consequences for their health and finances.

Will you take action to reimburse customers who've been consistently failed by DTE, and take further action to hold DTE accountable for the damage they've caused our communities?

Thank you,

Allen Park, MI 48101-2281

Given the severity of the recent power outages that affected SEM I am very confident that this is not the only complaint that will be submitted by residents who are fed up by the fact that michigan pays among the highest rates in the country to go along with poor reliability all at the hands of a regulated monopoly (DTE) that doesn't seem to have any issues with seeking and obtaining rate Increases along with peak time pricing models . Power outages are becoming more frequent and increasing in severity with no solutions in sight. Residents are basically on their own in regards to basic utilities and can't obtain compensation for costs such as lost food from utility companies. If that's the case then michigan should open up the utilities markets to competition so that at least we have a fighting chance to provide for our families through the free market system that for profit companies such as DTE love to champion during quarterly earnings reports that pump up their stock price. They can't, or shouldn't have it both ways.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Allen Park