

Cogeneration

Cogeneration refers to combined heat and power (CHP), the simultaneous production of electric energy and useful thermal energy for industrial, commercial, heating or cooling purposes.

Coke and Coke Battery

Raw coal is heated to high temperatures in ovens to separate impurities, leaving a carbon residue called coke. Coke is combined with iron ore to create a high metallic iron that is used to produce steel. A series of coke ovens configured in a module is referred to as a battery.

Customer Choice

Customer choice programs are statewide initiatives giving customers in Michigan the option to choose alternative suppliers for electricity and gas.

Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) Mechanism

GCR is a mechanism authorized by the MPSC that permits MichCon to recover through rates its cost of natural gas.

MPSC

The Michigan Public Service Commission regulates the state's energy, telecommunications and transportation service industries.

Petroleum Coke (Pet Coke)

Pet coke is a solid byproduct of the oil refining process. Our DTE PetCoke subsidiary purchases pet coke from oil refineries, pulverizes it and ships it to paper mills for use as a replacement fuel for natural gas and fuel oil.

Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) Mechanism

PSCR is a mechanism authorized by the MPSC that permits Detroit Edison to recover, through rates, its fuel, fuel-related and purchased power expenses.

Production Tax Credits

Tax credits authorized under the Internal Revenue Code, designed to stimulate investment in and development of alternate fuel sources. The amount of a production tax credit can vary each year as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

Securitization

Detroit Edison financed specific stranded costs at lower interest rates through the sale of rate reduction bonds by a wholly-owned special purpose entity, the Detroit Edison Securitization Funding LLC.

Stranded Costs

Costs incurred by utilities in order to serve customers in a regulated environment that absent special regulatory approval, would not otherwise be recoverable if customers switch to alternative suppliers of electricity and gas.

Synthetic Fuel (Synfuel)

The fuel produced through a process involving chemically modifying and binding particles of coal. Synfuel is used for power generation and coke production. Synfuel production generates production tax credits.

Unconventional Gas

Oil and gas deposits that originated and are stored in coalbed, tight sandstone and shale formations.