CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS

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DTE takes single largest step toward reducing carbon emissions to date

Company breaks ground on a state-of-the-art, \$1 billion natural gas-fueled plant

The Blue Water Energy Center will be the most efficient power plant in the state when it begins producing affordable and reliable low-emission electricity for 850,000 homes starting in 2022. Natural gas is an important 24/7 energy



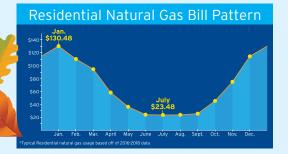
source for our customers as we continue to retire coal-fired power plants and significantly increase our renewable energy capacity.

Since 2009, we have driven investments of more than \$2.5 billion in renewable energy, with more coming. But as we continue to retire coal-fired power plants – all of them by 2040 - we need to complement wind farms and solar arrays with high reliability assets. As Michiganders know well, the wind doesn't always blow, and the sun doesn't always shine, so that's why our state needs natural gas-fueled plants like the Blue Water Energy Center to provide electricity around-the-clock. Read more at empoweringmichigan.com, search Blue Water Energy Center.

Chilly weather, higher bills

Temperatures are falling, which means your natural gas usage will increase resulting in higher monthly bills. Take steps now to control your usage and manage your costs.

Go to dteenergy.com/staywarm



FREE energy-saving products (up to \$400 value)

Schedule a FREE DTE Energy Home Energy Consultation today. An energy expert will visit your home and install energy-savings products plus a personalized report to help you save. And it's all FREE. Sign-up today! Call **866.796.0512** or visit **dteenergy.com/hec**

*Energy-saving products installed are dependent upon DTE Energy account type and eligibility.





Light your way to savings!

As days get shorter and your lights stay on longer, it pays to use energy efficient lights in your home. This simple, low-cost switch is one of the fastest and easiest steps to manage your energy use and save money!

ENERGY STAR certified bulbs use less energy, so they cost less to operate than standard incandescent bulbs.

- Use up to 90% less energy than incandescent bulbs
- Save up to \$80 in electricity costs over its lifetime
- Provide the same brightness (lumens) with less energy (watts)
- Last 15-25 times longer than incandescent bulbs
- Help protect the environment and prevent climate change

Get more energy efficient lighting tips at **dteenergy.com/lightingtips**

MIGreen Power An easy way to go green!

DTE makes it easy and affordable to reduce your carbon footprint. When you sign up for MIGreenPower, you can attribute more of your energy use to DTE's newest wind and solar projects and help keep Michigan clean and green.

Make a positive impact at dteenergy.com/ migreenpower



Need help with your DTE bill?

We can help. Our Low Income Self-Sufficiency Plan (LSP) program is an affordable payment plan for eligible low income customers. It allows you to make affordable monthly payments while reducing your outstanding balance when payments are made on time. Find out how thousands of DTE customers have saved an average of \$1,000 on the program at **dteenergy.com/Isp**. Enrollment is now open!







