

## Report of Independent Accountants

To the Management of DTE Electric Company

We have examined management's assertion that the proceeds from the 2018 4.05% Series A General and Refunding Mortgage Bonds due 2048, included on the DTE Electric Eligible Green Expenditures Report were distributed to qualifying renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in accordance with the Eligible Green Expenditures criteria set forth in Appendix A. DTE Electric's management is responsible for its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertion. The nature, timing and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the proceeds from the 2018 Series A 4.05% General and Refunding Mortgage Bonds due 2048, included on the DTE Electric Eligible Green Expenditures Report were distributed to qualifying renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in accordance with the Eligible Green Expenditures criteria set forth in Appendix A is fairly stated, in all material respects.



Detroit, MI

January 14, 2019

## Appendix A

### Management's Assertion Regarding Eligible Green Expenditures

DTE Electric is responsible for the completeness, accuracy and validity of the DTE Electric Eligible Green Expenditures Report as of September 30, 2018 (Appendix B). Management asserts that the proceeds included on the DTE Electric Eligible Green Expenditures Report dated September 30, 2018 were made to either qualifying renewable energy or energy efficiency projects in accordance with the Eligible Green Expenditure criteria detailed below.

### Eligible Green Expenditures Criteria

Eligible Green Expenditures are expenditures in the categories outlined below:

Area	Explanation
Renewable Energy	The development, construction and operation of, as well as transmission infrastructure to support, facilities that generate solar energy or wind energy
	Payments under Power Purchase Agreements for solar energy or wind energy
Energy Efficiency	Energy Optimization Programs that work to educate and provide our customers with tools to reduce energy usage and improve energy efficiency

## Appendix B

### DTE Electric Eligible Green Expenditures Report

As of September 30, 2018

Amounts in \$ Millions

#### Net Proceeds from Bond Issuance

Issuance Date:	May 7, 2018
2018 Series A 4.05% General and Refunding Bonds due 2048	\$ 518.049
<b>Total Net Proceeds</b>	<b>\$ 518.049</b>

#### Disbursements for Eligible Green Projects

Project Green Category	Project Name	Location	Amount <sup>1</sup>
Solar Energy	Utility Scale Solar Array	MI	\$ 94.294
Wind Energy	Pinnebog Wind Park	MI	89.905
Wind Energy	PPA Payments	MI	199.871
Energy Efficiency	Energy Waste Reduction	MI	133.979
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b>\$ 518.049</b>

<sup>1</sup> Amounts disbursed may not reflect full project costs