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House Office Building
Room 519
Lansing, Michigan

Re: William Michael Redfield, Estate Testimony

To Whom It May Concern,

Our saga began with DTE October 31st 2011 when we first posted the notice of non-consent for the AMI meter.

The DTE letter writing campaign began in July of 2013 whereby we promptly replied with polite yet firm non-consent to DTE's generous offer(s). After 30 plus certified mailings DTE failed to honor any of the requests. We might also add that Attorney General Schuette, Governor Snyder, Chairman Talberg and this esteemed committee's previous chair were notified of these various shenanigans.

During one of the interchanges with DTE we offered an equitable solution to solve the main issue we have regarding the safety of these Non-UL listed, non-ANSI certified, non-NEC listed and non-Michigan building code approved dangerous arc flash causing ungrounded fire hazard devices. Our main concern was to avoid installing the hazardous AMI contraption directly to the building we are responsible for protecting. That solution was to install it remotely near the underground termination point. DTE visited the site and agreed to provide a price to do this and they failed to present this offer.

As stated in the 2015 testimony I have serviced DTE power plants for 30 years and am very familiar with power supply systems. DTE does not allow any component for electrical service in their buildings without vendor assurances that all components conform to one or more of the certifying agencies noted above. You might ask why? Very simply it boils down to transferring liability to the risk insurers. As I was investigating this my insurance carrier stated they would not insure the home if the ungrounded non-UL listed component was installed on the premises. This information was transmitted to DTE and they ignored it.

We even shared the internal field action bulletin DTE number 2015-002 dated April 23, 2015 to DTE showing a blown up meter so their personnel could be on the lookout for these potentially life threatening failures. Once again we were ignored by DTE.

On the morning of September 13, 2017 I was met unannounced by the DTE goon squad of 6 at approximately 8:30 AM lead by Nicole A Willinger of [redacted] Township. We were informed DTE was there to disconnect the power because there was a lock on the analog meter preventing DTE access. Mrs. Willinger was advised by me that she was ill-informed and I showed her there was no lock. She asked if I wanted the meter. I stated no.

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Furthermore, Mrs. Willinger indicated they had no AMI meters on site to install and that they would have to disconnect the power. I politely told her she has to do what she has to do but there will be consequences for her actions. She contacted another DTE technician Jeff Gugnacki of [redacted] and he came to the house with 2 AMI meters. In the meantime, we contacted the Troy Police to document the events which I have the police report dated September 13, 2017 stating I was forced under duress to accept the dangerous AMI meter. We were grateful for the 6 officers that arrived to make sure we secured the names of the DTE perpetrators.

The irony in this message is the disconnect threat was under the auspices of MPSC RULE 460.136 which states in part that the power is being disconnected for health and safety when locks are present. There was no lock! However, now that we have 2 AMI meters installed there are 3 locks mounted on them keeping the occupants of the dwelling extra safe.

During the meter installation process we asked Mrs. Willinger if the fire department or police have a device to open the DTE locks in the event of a fire. She stated they do. When I contacted the fire chief in Troy he empathically stated that TROY does not have any unlocking device for meter removal. This is a very unsafe condition particularly if the first responders need to battle a fire and are unable to get through to DTE in an emergency. No wonder the MPSC has the Rule in place!

Over the past 7 years we have made numerous attempts to work with DTE always met with manipulative tactics and lies. While we are impressed with the good folks who support this initiative it appears the Michigan Energy Policy Committee is unable to move this to the floor because the small money from the hard working Michigan citizens is not enough to compete with the deep pocket lobbyists funded by DTE in Lansing or elsewhere.

At this point our goal is get the analog choice pushed forward. In addition we would like this government body to assist in getting the locks removed from the unsafe AMI meters on any building as requested by its' occupants so they can be pulled by the appropriate first responders in the event of an emergency.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully yours,

By: executor William Michael Redfield

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