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Subject: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Dominance Financing
Completion of Environmental Review for the Proposed Taggart Compressor
Station Replacement Project in Montcalm County, Michigan

Dear Matthew:

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Energy Dominance Financing (EDF), has issued a Federal loan guarantee to the DTE Gas Company for the Taggart Compressor Station Replacement Project (the Project) pursuant to its authority under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended. The loan guarantee to DTE Gas is intended to provide financing for many projects over the life of the Federal loan guarantee. Each project is reviewed and considered individually prior to being approved for financing under the Federal loan guarantee. This letter confirms that EDF has completed the environmental review of DTE Gas's **Taggart Compressor Station Replacement Project** (Project), in Montcalm County, Michigan, prior to approving the Project for financing under the Federal loan guarantee. A description of the Project and EDF's environmental review findings follows.

The Project includes equipment purchase and installation costs to support the construction of a new compressor station to replace aging infrastructure at the existing Taggart Compressor Station. The facility will include two compressor plants and four natural gas-fired combustion turbine compressors and four natural gas-fired reciprocating internal combustion engine (RICE) compressors. The Project will have an estimated disturbance footprint of 39 acres within the 44-acre Project area.

EDF conducted the environmental reviews and consultations required by the applicable and relevant environmental statutes and Executive Orders (EOs) associated with its proposed Federal financial support. The applicable and relevant environmental statutes and EOs included:

1. Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1536)
2. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 306108)
 - a. EO 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

Applicable and Relevant Environmental Review(s)

Section 7, Endangered Species Act

On June 9, 2026, DOE obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service an Official Species List (Project Code 2026-0083192), which resulted in the following species identified as occurring or potentially occurring in the Project area: the threatened eastern massasauga rattlesnake, endangered Indiana bat, proposed threatened monarch butterfly, and the experimental population, non-essential whooping crane. No designated critical habitat was identified in the Project area. On June 9, 2026, DOE completed the Michigan Determination Key (Dkey) in IPaC, which returned a result of *not likely to adversely affect* for the Indiana bat and eastern massasauga rattlesnake and *no effect* for the whooping crane.

DOE understands that as a proposed species under ESA, the monarch butterfly has a different threshold of analysis and the Federal action agency is required to determine if their action would be likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the species, and if so, request a Conference Consultation with the USFWS. DOE does not believe the Project would be likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the species given the low potential for habitat and disturbed nature of the existing Project area. In addition, DOE does not anticipate a USFWS decision on whether to formally list the monarch butterfly any time soon; as reflected in the Trump Administration's [Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions](#), the final listing determination for the monarch butterfly is included as a "long-term action."

Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDF consulted with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). On July 22, 2026, the Michigan SHPO concurred with EDF's finding of *no historic properties affected* for this project. DOE identified and contacted eight (8) federally recognized Native American Indian Tribes (Tribes) that may have an interest in the Project area (Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Michigan; Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Michigan; Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan; Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin; Miami Tribe of Oklahoma; Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota; Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan; and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan). No comments were received from these Tribes.

EDF notes that DTE Gas is responsible for obtaining permits, approvals, and/or authorizations required for the construction and/or operation of the Project.

Conclusion

With this letter, EDF confirms that it has completed the environmental reviews and consultations required by the applicable and relevant environmental statutes and Executive Orders (EOs) associated with its proposed Federal financial support.

Respectfully,

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