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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Re: Docket ID NRC-2008-0566

Dear Ms. Bladey:

I am submitting these comments for the record concerning Docket No. 52-033; Docket ID NRC-2008-0566 and the issuance of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Combined License for Enrico Fermi Unit 3, Monroe County, Michigan.

For the record, as an introduction of myself, I am lifelong resident of Monroe County and own a family business founded in 1953. For the past three decades, I have been involved in several community organizations. My background includes ten (10) years serving on the Raisinville Township Board as a constable and trustee, and I have served as a Monroe County Commissioner for the past twenty (20) years, and most recently, being elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. Additionally, as a county commissioner, I was commissioned by then Chairman V. Lehr Roe to reorganize the Monroe County Economic Development Corporation, and created the "Monroe First" program to assist existing and new business development in the county.

I have no doubt that the Commission will hear from many Monroe County and Michigan residents concerning this matter. I do believe the vast majority of those comments will be supportive of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and its conclusions.

As I express my perspective, it is shaped upon the experiences that I have had living and serving in Monroe County.

On an economic point, the siting and construction of Fermi 1 and 2 brought unprecedented investment and development throughout the region. Michigan's future looks bright as it recovers

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from the economic turndown; the development of Fermi 3 will undoubtedly help rebound our region and state with good paying construction jobs.

Over the past twenty years, I have had the opportunity to see firsthand Detroit Edison and DTE Energy responsibly manage the construction and operation of the plants. In the case of Fermi 1, I have also been witness to its decommissioning and have participated in the high level nuclear waste disposal discussion. I have witnessed DTE Energy's stewardship of the both the Fermi complex and the Monroe Power Plant site, and their willingness to protect the environment by updating plants to be emission compliant and to partner with public and private organizations to create and protect wildlife habitats.

Fermi 3 represents another significant opportunity for Monroe County. The statistics, estimates, and projections cited in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement speak for themselves;

- An estimated 2,900 peak period construction and skilled trade's workers on the site,
- An estimated construction phase payroll of more than \$50 million,
- Local purchasing of supplies and materials in excess of \$50 million,
- More than 800 workers employed in the plant once it goes into operation.

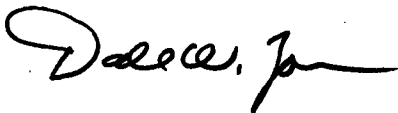
There is no doubt this type of development will help Monroe County and Michigan rebuild its economic base.

From a policy perspective, there needs to be a strategy to meet Michigan's future demand for electricity, to reduce emissions from coal-fired power plants and to develop the state's renewable energy resources. We know that Michigan has one of the oldest power plant fleets in the country; and with new and proposed environmental rules, some difficult decisions will have to be made. Some older coal units will be retired, as we are witnessing with the Whiting Plant in Luna Pier, Monroe County. Natural gas fired generating plants may be a part of future generation production. However, none of that changes the fact that in the long term, nuclear energy for the production of electricity gives the best longevity for the clean production of electricity.

I support the issuance of license for the proposed Fermi 3 and applaud DTE Energy for its foresight, and those who researched and assembled the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that will move Monroe County a step closer to the issuance of a license for the proposed Fermi 3 unit.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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