



April 2, 2019

Dear Friends of the St. Joe River Association, Inc. (FotSJR),

We are in receipt of a letter you sent to Ralph Strong, supervisor of Union Township, Michigan. As the letter discusses environmental questions relating to wind energy development, we want to provide a direct response.

At DTE, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life for today's society and future generations. In 2017, DTE announced that we are pursuing an ambitious goal of reducing our carbon emissions by more than 80 percent by 2040. As DTE leads the way toward a green energy future and constructs more wind energy facilities in the state of Michigan, we would like to reassure you that DTE will remain committed to environmental stewardship and conservation of the Earth's natural resources.

For DTE, environmental stewardship starts with regularly coordinating with government agencies such as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) regarding all potential wind projects. In addition, DTE has adopted the survey methods found in USFWS's Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines (WEGs), USFWS's Range-wide Indiana Bat Survey Guidelines and USFWS's Eagle Conservation Plan Guidance.

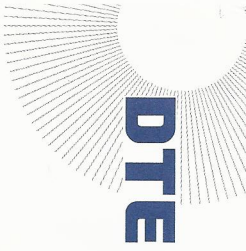
The purpose of conducting such surveys is to identify wildlife habitat and natural features such as wetlands, inland lakes and streams and floodplains. The results allow DTE, along with appropriate agencies, the ability to evaluate the environmental characteristics of a proposed location and to focus on selecting turbine placement sites that have low potential for negative impacts to wildlife and environmental resources.

Thus, USFWS guidelines and best management practices are a part of DTE's planning processes and will be factored into the layout of any project DTE may undertake in Union Township.

Sincerely,

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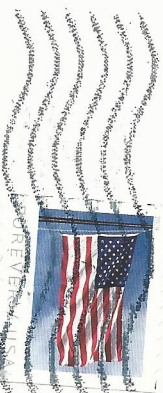
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