

**Heather Rivard**

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Heather Rivard is senior vice president of Distribution Operations for DTE Energy. Rivard is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the company's electrical system, including system and reliability planning, new customer connections, electrical engineering, construction, tree trimming and emergency responsiveness. She is leading the company's multi-year plan to upgrade the energy grid to improve the quality of power our customers receive, positively impact Michigan's economy, and prepare communities for the future with safe, reliable and affordable energy.

Rivard has been at DTE Energy for more than 25 years. She has held a variety of leadership positions across Distribution Operations throughout her career. In addition, she has served in other areas of DTE such as strategic planning, customer service, procurement, warehousing, fleet and facilities operations. Prior to joining the company in 1993, Rivard worked in the aerospace engineering industry.

Rivard earned a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for both Inforum and the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies. She also serves on the Board Development Committee for the Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan.

DTE Energy (NYSE:DTE) is a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. DTE Energy's operating units include an electric utility serving 2.2 million customers in Southeastern Michigan and a natural gas utility serving 1.3 million customers in Michigan. The DTE Energy portfolio also includes non-utility energy businesses focused on power and industrial projects, renewable resources, natural gas pipelines, gathering and storage, and energy marketing and trading. As one of Michigan's leading corporate citizens, DTE Energy is a force for growth and prosperity in the 450 Michigan communities it serves in a variety of ways, including philanthropy, volunteerism and economic progress.