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Ms. JoAnn Chavez
Vice President & Chief Tax Officer
DTE Electric Company
2000 2nd Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Ms. Chavez:

This is in response to your request for an updated direct pay letter which reflects the name change from The Detroit Edison Company to DTE Electric Company effective January 1, 2013.

Your original direct pay authorization for Michigan sales and use taxes became effective July 1, 2007. This letter serves to continue your "direct pay" permit and represents your authority to report sales and use tax liabilities directly to the Department of Treasury, and is limited to purchases of tangible personal property. In addition, the following are excluded from your direct pay authorization:

1. Materials furnished by, or supplied to, construction contractors in the performance of a contract to construct, alter, repair or improve real estate.
2. Vehicles purchased, leased or rented for highway use and requiring a license and title.
3. Aircraft.
4. Watercraft.
5. Services subject to use tax including communication services and motel rentals.
6. Petty cash purchases made by company employees on behalf of the company.
7. Prepayment of sales tax on gasoline.
8. Tangible personal property consumed by a person performing any service activity for your company.

The purchase of power, steam, gas, etc. and capital appropriation items may be included under your direct pay procedure.

When claiming exemption from sales and use taxes on purchases of tangible personal property, other than those transactions stated above, on Box 10, Other (explain) of form 3372, Michigan Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption, available on the Department's Web site, www.michigan.gov/treasury, you should state this notation: "Authorized to pay sales or use taxes on purchases of tangible personal property directly to the State of Michigan under Account Number "ME-0115606."

In addition, a copy of this letter must be furnished to the vendor when claiming direct pay authority.

If you have any questions, please contact Technical Services at the address or telephone number below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Miriam Giannini".

Miriam Giannini, Assistant Administrator
Technical Services Section
Tax Policy Division