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Robert A. Richard is senior vice president of Major Enterprise Projects and Customer Service for DTE Energy. Richard is responsible for overseeing the Customer Service organization, along with the company's major projects in Power Generation, Distribution, Renewable, Nuclear and Gas Midstream platforms. This assignment leverages his experience as an operating Executive in Gas Midstream, Power Generation and the Gas Utility of DTE Energy.

Prior to joining DTE Energy, Richard was vice president of operations and process improvement at Bethlehem Steel. This role was responsible for sales, marketing and operations of the eastern division. Previously, he spent 13 years at General Electric where he served in a variety of leadership roles. Richard was senior executive for GE LEXAN Americas Manufacturing and responsible for Phenolics, BPA, SAN, Chlorine and Polycarbonate extrusion.

Richard earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from The Ohio State University. At Ohio State, his graduate work was in coal technologies, which included liquefaction, gasification and the microbial desulfurization of coal. Richard attended the Nuclear Reactor Technology course of MIT and he is a certified Master Black Belt from GE and the Six Sigma Academy. He received the Whitney Award for technical achievement at GE.

Richard is a member of the board of directors of the Wildlife Habitat Council where he serves on the finance subcommittee. He is active in the Boy Scouts of America and is a lifetime member of the National Eagle Scout Association.

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.