

Southfield Resolution - October 17, 2011

RESOLUTION TO MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING DTE ENERGY SMART METERS

WHEREAS: DTE Energy is in the midst of a comprehensive program for the installation of new meters to customers in the City of Southfield, replacing existing meters with DTE Energy Smart Meters (computerized electric devices allowing for remote reading by DTE via radio frequencies), the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) having jurisdiction in this matter; and

WHEREAS: A significant number of persons, including residents of the City of Southfield, have expressed concerns regarding Smart Meters in the areas of health, privacy, and a lack of consumer/homeowner options relative to the installation of these meters by DTE or any other MPSC regulated public utilities that may be contemplating such installations in the future; and

WHEREAS: The Southfield City Council believes it is appropriate to assist its concerned residents in obtaining consideration of their issues by requesting careful review and analysis thereof by the MPSC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Michigan Public Service Commission is hereby urged to initiate a careful review and analysis of the expressed public concerns relative to potential health effects of smart meters, privacy issues, and the lack of consumer/homeowner options to either opt-out of the installation in the first place or to have the smart meter removed after installation, as a result of consumer/homeowner concerns that may have arisen after said installation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That an open, public forum for discussion of these issues is urged to be included within the MPSC review process on this matter; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That the City Clerk is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to State Senator Vincent Gregory, State Representative Rudy Hobbs, DTE Energy Regulatory Affairs, Consumers Energy Regulatory Affairs, AT&T, Comcast, the Michigan Municipal League and William Zaagman, Governmental Consultant Services, Inc.

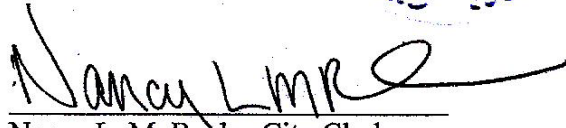
AYES: Fracassi, Frasier, Garrison, Lantz, Siver, and Taylor.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Seymour.

I, Nancy L. M. Banks, duly elected and qualified City Clerk of the City of Southfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Southfield City Council at the Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2011.

Date: October 21, 2011


Nancy L. M. Banks, City Clerk