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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period ended September 30, 2015

Commission File Number	Registrants; State of Incorporation; Address; and Telephone Number	I.R.S. Employer Identification No.
1-11607	DTE Energy Company (a Michigan corporation) One Energy Plaza Detroit, Michigan 48226-1279 313-235-4000	38-3217752
1-2198	DTE Electric Company (a Michigan corporation) One Energy Plaza Detroit, Michigan 48226-1279 313-235-4000	38-0478650

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DTE Energy Company (DTE Energy) Yes  No  DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric) Yes  No

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DTE Energy Yes  No  DTE Electric Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

DTE Energy Yes  No  DTE Electric Yes  No

Number of shares of Common Stock outstanding at September 30, 2015:

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Registrant	Description	Shares
DTE Energy	Common Stock, without par value	179,475,625
DTE Electric	Common Stock, \$10 par value, directly owned by DTE Energy	138,632,324

This combined Form 10-Q is filed separately by two registrants: DTE Energy and DTE Electric. Information contained herein relating to an individual registrant is filed by such registrant solely on its behalf. DTE Electric makes no representation as to information relating exclusively to DTE Energy.

DTE Electric, a wholly owned subsidiary of DTE Energy, meets the conditions set forth in General Instructions H(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is therefore filing this form with the reduced disclosure format specified in General Instructions H(2) of Form 10-Q.

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DEFINITIONS

ARO	Asset Retirement Obligation
ASU	Accounting Standards Update issued by the FASB
CFTC	U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DTE Electric	DTE Electric Company (a direct wholly owned subsidiary of DTE Energy) and subsidiary companies
DTE Energy	DTE Energy Company, directly or indirectly the parent of DTE Electric, DTE Gas, and numerous non-utility subsidiaries
DTE Gas	DTE Gas Company (an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of DTE Energy) and subsidiary companies
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FOV	Finding of Violation
FTRs	Financial Transmission Rights are financial instruments that entitle the holder to receive payments related to costs incurred for congestion on the transmission grid.
GCR	A Gas Cost Recovery mechanism authorized by the MPSC that allows DTE Gas to recover through rates its natural gas costs
MDEQ	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
MGP	Manufactured Gas Plant
MPSC	Michigan Public Service Commission
MTM	Mark-to-market
NAV	Net Asset Value
NEIL	Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited
NEXUS	NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC
Non-utility	An entity that is not a public utility. Its conditions of service, prices of goods and services, and other operating related matters are not directly regulated by the MPSC.

NOV	Notice of Violation
NRC	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
PLD	City of Detroit's Public Lighting Department
Production tax credits	Tax credits as authorized under Sections 45K and 45 of the Internal Revenue Code that are designed to stimulate investment in and development of alternate fuel sources. The amount of a production tax credit can vary each year as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.
PSCR	A Power Supply Cost Recovery mechanism authorized by the MPSC that allows DTE Electric to recover through rates its fuel, fuel-related, and purchased power costs
REF	Reduced Emissions Fuel
Registrant(s)	DTE Energy and DTE Electric
Retail access	Michigan legislation provided customers the option of access to alternative suppliers for electricity and natural gas
Securitization	DTE Electric financed specific stranded costs at lower interest rates through the sale of rate reduction bonds by a wholly-owned special purpose entity, The Detroit Edison Securitization Funding LLC

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TRIA	Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015
TRM	A Transitional Reconciliation Mechanism authorized by the MPSC that allows DTE Electric to recover through rates the deferred net incremental revenue requirement associated with the transition of PLD customers to DTE Electric's distribution system
VEBA	Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association
VIE	Variable Interest Entity
Units of Measurement	
Bcf	Billion cubic feet of natural gas
BTU	Heat value (energy content) of fuel
kWh	Kilowatthour of electricity
MMBtu	One million BTU
MW	Megawatt of electricity
MWh	Megawatthour of electricity

## FILING FORMAT

This combined Form 10-Q is separately filed by DTE Energy and DTE Electric. Information in this combined Form 10-Q relating to each individual Registrant is filed by such Registrant on its own behalf. DTE Electric makes no representation regarding information relating to any other companies affiliated with DTE Energy other than its own subsidiaries. Neither DTE Energy, nor any of DTE Energy's other subsidiaries (other than DTE Electric), has any obligation in respect of DTE Electric's debt securities and holders of such debt securities should not consider the financial resources or results of operations of DTE Energy nor any of DTE Energy's other subsidiaries (other than DTE Electric and its own subsidiaries (in relevant circumstances)) in making a decision with respect to DTE Electric's debt securities. Similarly, none of DTE Electric nor any other subsidiary of DTE Energy has any obligation in respect of debt securities of DTE Energy. This combined Form 10-Q should be read in its entirety. No one section of this combined Form 10-Q deals with all aspects of the subject matter of this combined Form 10-Q. This combined Form 10-Q report should be read in conjunction with the separately filed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and with Management's Discussion and Analysis included in DTE Energy's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K and DTE Electric's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain information presented herein includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of the Registrants. Words such as "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "projected," "aspiration," and "goals" signify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future results and conditions, but rather are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties that may cause actual future results to be materially different from those contemplated, projected, estimated, or budgeted. Many factors may impact forward-looking statements of the Registrants including, but not limited to, the following:

- impact of regulation by the EPA, FERC, MPSC, NRC, and CFTC, as well as other applicable governmental proceedings and regulations, including any associated impact on rate structures;
- the amount and timing of cost recovery allowed as a result of regulatory proceedings, related appeals, or new legislation, including legislative amendments and retail access programs;
- economic conditions and population changes in the Registrants' geographic area resulting in changes in demand, customer conservation, and thefts of electricity and, for DTE Energy, natural gas;
- environmental issues, laws, regulations, and the increasing costs of remediation and compliance, including actual and potential new federal and state requirements;
- health, safety, financial, environmental, and regulatory risks associated with ownership and operation of nuclear facilities;
- changes in the cost and availability of coal and other raw materials, purchased power, and natural gas;
- the potential for losses on investments, including nuclear decommissioning and benefit plan assets and the related increases in future expense and contributions;
- volatility in the short-term natural gas storage markets impacting third-party storage revenues related to DTE Energy;
- volatility in commodity markets, deviations in weather, and related risks impacting the results of DTE Energy's energy trading operations;
- access to capital markets and the results of other financing efforts which can be affected by credit agency ratings;
- instability in capital markets which could impact availability of short and long-term financing;
- the timing and extent of changes in interest rates;
- the level of borrowings;

- the potential for increased costs or delays in completion of significant construction projects;
- changes in and application of federal, state, and local tax laws and their interpretations, including the Internal Revenue Code, regulations, rulings, court proceedings, and audits;
- the effects of weather and other natural phenomena on operations and sales to customers, and purchases from suppliers;
- unplanned outages;
- the cost of protecting assets against, or damage due to, terrorism or cyber attacks;
- employee relations and the impact of collective bargaining agreements;
- the risk of a major safety incident at an electric distribution or generation facility and, for DTE Energy, a gas storage, transmission or distribution facility;
- the availability, cost, coverage, and terms of insurance and stability of insurance providers;
- cost reduction efforts and the maximization of plant and distribution system performance;
- the effects of competition;
- changes in and application of accounting standards and financial reporting regulations;
- changes in federal or state laws and their interpretation with respect to regulation, energy policy, and other business issues;
- contract disputes, binding arbitration, litigation, and related appeals; and
- the risks discussed in the Registrants' public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

New factors emerge from time to time. The Registrants cannot predict what factors may arise or how such factors may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which such statements are made. The Registrants undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.



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## Part I — Financial Information

## Item 1. Financial Statements

## DTE Energy Company

## Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions, except per share amounts)			
Operating Revenues	\$2,598	\$2,595	\$7,850	\$9,223
Operating Expenses				
Fuel, purchased power, and gas	1,053	1,119	3,393	4,550
Operation and maintenance	817	860	2,436	2,512
Depreciation and amortization	196	293	625	855
Taxes other than income	91	86	282	268
Asset (gains) losses and impairments, net	1	(2)	9	(10)
	2,158	2,356	6,745	8,175
Operating Income	440	239	1,105	1,048
Other (Income) and Deductions				
Interest expense	116	107	341	323
Interest income	(4)	(2)	(10)	(7)
Other income	(55)	(55)	(155)	(136)
Other expenses	17	11	36	29
	74	61	212	209
Income Before Income Taxes	366	178	893	839
Income Tax Expense	102	21	250	229
Net Income	264	157	643	610
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	(1)	1	(4)	4
Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$265	\$156	\$647	\$606
Basic Earnings per Common Share				
Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$1.47	\$0.88	\$3.61	\$3.42
Diluted Earnings per Common Share				
Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$1.47	\$0.88	\$3.61	\$3.42
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding Basic	179	177	179	177

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Diluted	180	177	179	177
Dividends Declared per Common Share	\$0.73	\$0.69	\$2.11	\$2.00

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## DTE Energy Company

## Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Net Income	\$264	\$157	\$643	\$610
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Benefit obligations, net of taxes of \$2, \$1, \$6, and \$2, respectively	3	2	9	3
Net unrealized gains on investments during the period, net of taxes of \$—, \$—, \$—, and \$—, respectively	—	—	—	1
Foreign currency translation	(2	) (1	) (4	) (1
Other comprehensive income	1	1	5	3
Comprehensive income	265	158	648	613
Less comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1	) 1	(4	) 4
Comprehensive income attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$266	\$157	\$652	\$609

See Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## DTE Energy Company

## Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In millions)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$67	\$48
Restricted cash	21	120
Accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$56 and \$54, respectively)		
Customer	1,242	1,504
Other	79	94
Inventories		
Fuel and gas	533	512
Materials and supplies	307	292
Derivative assets	90	128
Regulatory assets	15	76
Other	346	313
	2,700	3,087
Investments		
Nuclear decommissioning trust funds	1,199	1,241
Other	684	628
	1,883	1,869
Property		
Property, plant, and equipment	28,014	26,538
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(10,147	) (9,718
	17,867	16,820
Other Assets		
Goodwill	2,018	2,018
Regulatory assets	3,719	3,651
Securitized regulatory assets	—	34
Intangible assets	89	102
Notes receivable	82	90
Derivative assets	48	44
Other	248	259
	6,204	6,198
Total Assets	\$28,654	\$27,974

See Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## DTE Energy Company

## Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (Unaudited) — (Continued)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In millions, except shares)	
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$835	\$973
Accrued interest	119	86
Dividends payable	131	122
Short-term borrowings	185	398
Current portion long-term debt, including capital leases	468	274
Derivative liabilities	56	77
Regulatory liabilities	67	153
Other	412	494
	2,273	2,577
<b>Long-Term Debt (net of current portion)</b>		
Mortgage bonds, notes, and other	8,368	7,860
Junior subordinated debentures	480	480
Capital lease obligations	8	3
	8,856	8,343
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		
Deferred income taxes	4,022	3,776
Regulatory liabilities	598	667
Asset retirement obligations	2,180	1,962
Unamortized investment tax credit	50	41
Derivative liabilities	27	8
Accrued pension liability	1,120	1,280
Accrued postretirement liability	302	515
Nuclear decommissioning	174	182
Other	219	281
	8,692	8,712
<b>Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 6 and 12)</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Common stock, without par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized, and 179,475,625 and 176,991,231 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	4,117	3,904
Retained earnings	4,845	4,578
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(150)	(155)
<b>Total DTE Energy Company Equity</b>	<b>8,812</b>	<b>8,327</b>
Noncontrolling interests	21	15
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>8,833</b>	<b>8,342</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$28,654</b>	<b>\$27,974</b>

See Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)



## DTE Energy Company

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
	(In millions)	
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net Income	\$643	\$610
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	625	855
Nuclear fuel amortization	40	33
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	(16	) (16
Deferred income taxes	251	244
Asset (gains) losses and impairments, net	9	(10
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	277	273
Inventories	(36	) (165
Accounts payable	(125	) 48
Accrued pension obligation	(160	) (154
Accrued postretirement obligation	(213	) (64
Derivative assets and liabilities	32	(56
Regulatory assets and liabilities	35	(211
Other current and noncurrent assets and liabilities	106	(89
Net cash from operating activities	1,468	1,298
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Plant and equipment expenditures — utility	(1,239	) (1,295
Plant and equipment expenditures — non-utility	(162	) (207
Acquisition	(241	) —
Proceeds from sale of assets	16	36
Restricted cash for debt redemption, principally Securitization	99	62
Proceeds from sale of nuclear decommissioning trust fund assets	627	652
Investment in nuclear decommissioning trust funds	(638	) (665
Other	(34	) (40
Net cash used for investing activities	(1,572	) (1,457
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Issuance of long-term debt, net of issuance costs	956	1,289
Redemption of long-term debt	(260	) (1,222
Short-term borrowings, net	(213	) 522
Issuance of common stock	9	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	(52
Dividends on common stock	(370	) (348
Other	1	(22
Net cash from financing activities	123	167
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	19	8
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	48	52
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$67	\$60



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Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities		
Plant and equipment expenditures in accounts payable	\$185	\$192

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## DTE Energy Company

## Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Retained	Accumulated	Non-Controlling		
	Shares	Amount	Earnings	Other	Interests	Total	
				Comprehensive			
				Income (Loss)			
	(Dollars in millions, shares in thousands)						
Balance, December 31, 2014	176,991	\$3,904	\$4,578	\$ (155	) \$ 15	\$8,342	
Net Income (Loss)	—	—	647	—	(4	) 643	
Dividends declared on common stock	—	—	(379	) —	—	(379	)
Issuance of common stock	105	9	—	—	—	9	
Contribution of common stock to VEBA Trust	1,428	117	—	—	—	117	
Benefit obligations, net of tax	—	—	—	9	—	9	
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	(4	) —	(4	)
Stock-based compensation, contributions, and distributions to noncontrolling interests and other	952	87	(1	) —	10	96	
Balance, September 30, 2015	179,476	\$4,117	\$4,845	\$ (150	) \$ 21	\$8,833	

See Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## DTE Electric Company

## Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Operating Revenues	\$1,385	\$1,357	\$3,735	\$4,048
Operating Expenses				
Fuel and purchased power	441	430	1,212	1,328
Operation and maintenance	330	351	966	1,022
Depreciation and amortization	141	238	461	695
Taxes other than income	73	66	214	202
Asset (gains) losses and impairments, net	—	—	—	(1 )
	985	1,085	2,853	3,246
Operating Income	400	272	882	802
Other (Income) and Deductions				
Interest expense	66	65	196	189
Other income	(14 )	(15 )	(42 )	(45 )
Other expenses	15	11	32	26
	67	61	186	170
Income Before Income Taxes	333	211	696	632
Income Tax Expense	117	75	244	229
Net Income	\$216	\$136	\$452	\$403

See Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## DTE Electric Company

## Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Net Income	\$216	\$136	\$452	\$403
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Transfer of benefit obligations, net of taxes of \$—, \$—, \$18, and \$—, respectively		—	28	—
Benefit obligations, net of taxes of \$—, \$—, \$—, and \$—, respectively		1	—	—
Comprehensive income	\$216	\$137	\$480	\$403

See Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## DTE Electric Company

## Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In millions)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$29	\$14
Restricted cash, principally Securitization	—	96
Accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$29, for both periods)		
Customer	730	688
Affiliates	69	31
Other	38	15
Inventories		
Fuel	267	269
Materials and supplies	250	231
Notes receivable		
Affiliates	4	8
Other	6	8
Regulatory assets	3	46
Prepaid property tax	96	44
Other	27	31
	1,519	1,481
Investments		
Nuclear decommissioning trust funds	1,199	1,241
Other	34	172
	1,233	1,413
Property		
Property, plant, and equipment	21,045	19,805
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(7,586	) (7,216 )
	13,459	12,589
Other Assets		
Regulatory assets	3,002	2,913
Securitized regulatory assets	—	34
Intangible assets	39	37
Other	171	182
	3,212	3,166
Total Assets	\$19,423	\$18,649

See Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## DTE Electric Company

## Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (Unaudited) — (Continued)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In millions, except shares)	
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable		
Affiliates	\$41	\$60
Other	360	366
Accrued interest	68	58
Current portion long-term debt, including capital leases	153	118
Regulatory liabilities	36	150
Short-term borrowings		
Affiliates	68	84
Other	46	50
Other	159	151
	931	1,037
<b>Long-Term Debt (net of current portion)</b>		
Mortgage bonds, notes, and other	5,492	5,144
Capital lease obligations	8	—
	5,500	5,144
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		
Deferred income taxes	3,454	3,188
Regulatory liabilities	218	245
Asset retirement obligations	2,007	1,796
Unamortized investment tax credit	45	36
Nuclear decommissioning	174	182
Accrued pension liability — affiliates	985	1,200
Accrued postretirement liability — affiliates	356	520
Other	74	105
	7,313	7,272
<b>Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 6 and 12)</b>		
<b>Shareholder's Equity</b>		
Common stock, \$10 par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized, and 138,632,324 shares issued and outstanding	4,086	3,786
Retained earnings	1,591	1,436
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	2	(26 )
	5,679	5,196
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity</b>	<b>\$19,423</b>	<b>\$18,649</b>

See Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## DTE Electric Company

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
	(In millions)	
Operating Activities		
Net Income	\$452	\$403
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	461	695
Nuclear fuel amortization	40	33
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	(15)	(16)
Deferred income taxes	269	199
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	(103)	) 36
Inventories	(17)	) (38)
Accounts payable	3	7
Accrued pension liability — affiliates	(215)	) (122)
Accrued postretirement liability — affiliates	(164)	) (42)
Regulatory assets and liabilities	(12)	) (163)
Other current and noncurrent assets and liabilities	9	(113)
Net cash from operating activities	708	879
Investing Activities		
Plant and equipment expenditures	(1,045)	) (1,143)
Acquisition	(241)	) —
Restricted cash for debt redemption, principally Securitization	96	60
Notes receivable from affiliate	4	164
Proceeds from sale of nuclear decommissioning trust fund assets	627	652
Investment in nuclear decommissioning trust funds	(638)	) (665)
Transfer of Rabbi Trust assets to affiliate	137	—
Other	9	(16)
Net cash used for investing activities	(1,051)	) (948)
Financing Activities		
Issuance of long-term debt, net of issuance costs	495	942
Redemption of long-term debt	(115)	) (837)
Capital contribution by parent company	300	—
Short-term borrowings, net — other	(4)	) 254
Short-term borrowings, net — affiliate	(16)	) (2)
Dividends on common stock	(297)	) (277)
Other	(5)	) (10)
Net cash from financing activities	358	70
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	15	1
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of the Period	14	27
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of the Period	\$29	\$28
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities		
Plant and equipment expenditures in accounts payable	\$134	\$139

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## Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholder's Equity (Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Additional	Retained	Accumulated	
	Shares	Amount	Paid-in	Earnings	Other	Total
			Capital		Comprehensive	
					Income (Loss)	
	(Dollars in millions, shares in thousands)					
Balance, December 31, 2014	138,632	\$ 1,386	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,436	\$ (26 )	\$ 5,196
Net Income	—	—	—	452	—	452
Dividends declared on common stock	—	—	—	(297 )	—	(297 )
Transfer of benefit obligations, net of tax	—	—	—	—	28	28
Capital contribution by parent company	—	—	300	—	—	300
Balance, September 30, 2015	138,632	\$ 1,386	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,591	\$ 2	\$ 5,679

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NOTE 1 — ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Corporate Structure

DTE Energy owns the following businesses:

• DTE Electric is an electric utility engaged in the generation, purchase, distribution, and sale of electricity to approximately 2.1 million customers in southeastern Michigan;

• DTE Gas is a natural gas utility engaged in the purchase, storage, transportation, distribution, and sale of natural gas to approximately 1.2 million customers throughout Michigan and the sale of storage and transportation capacity; and

• Other businesses involved in 1) natural gas pipelines, gathering, and storage; 2) power and industrial projects; and 3) energy marketing and trading operations.

DTE Electric and DTE Gas are regulated by the MPSC. Certain activities of DTE Electric and DTE Gas, as well as various other aspects of businesses under DTE Energy are regulated by the FERC. In addition, the Registrants are regulated by other federal and state regulatory agencies including the NRC, the EPA, the MDEQ, and the CFTC.

Basis of Presentation

The Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the DTE Energy 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K and the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the DTE Electric 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements of the Registrants are prepared using accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These accounting principles require management to use estimates and assumptions that impact reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from the Registrants' estimates.

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The Consolidated Financial Statements are unaudited, but in the Registrants' opinions include all adjustments necessary to present a fair statement of the results for the interim periods. All adjustments are of a normal recurring nature, except as otherwise disclosed in these Consolidated Financial Statements and Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Financial results for this interim period are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

The information in these combined notes relates to each of the Registrants as noted in the Index of Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. However, DTE Electric does not make any representation as to information related solely to DTE Energy or the subsidiaries of DTE Energy other than itself.

Certain prior year balances for the Registrants were reclassified to match current year's financial statement presentation.

#### Principles of Consolidation

The Registrants consolidate all majority-owned subsidiaries and investments in entities in which they have controlling influence. Non-majority owned investments are accounted for using the equity method when the Registrants are able to influence the operating policies of the investee. When the Registrants do not influence the operating policies of an investee, the cost method is used. These Consolidated Financial Statements also reflect the Registrants' proportionate interests in certain jointly-owned utility plants. The Registrants eliminate all intercompany balances and transactions. The Registrants evaluate whether an entity is a VIE whenever reconsideration events occur. The Registrants consolidate VIEs for which they are the primary beneficiary. If a Registrant is not the primary beneficiary and an ownership interest is held, the VIE is accounted for under the equity method of accounting. When assessing the determination of the primary beneficiary, a Registrant considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including: the power, through voting or similar rights, to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance and the obligation to absorb the expected losses and/or the right to receive the expected returns of the VIE. The Registrants perform ongoing reassessments of all VIEs to determine if the primary beneficiary status has changed.

Legal entities within DTE Energy's Power and Industrial Projects segment enter into long-term contractual arrangements with customers to supply energy-related products or services. The entities are generally designed to pass-through the commodity risk associated with these contracts to the customers, with DTE Energy retaining operational and customer default risk. These entities generally are VIEs and consolidated when DTE Energy is the primary beneficiary. In addition, DTE Energy has interests in certain VIEs through which control of all significant activities is shared with partners, and therefore are accounted for under the equity method.

DTE Energy has variable interests in VIEs through certain of its long-term purchase and sale contracts. DTE Electric has variable interests in VIEs through certain of its long-term purchase contracts. As of September 30, 2015, the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the Registrants' Consolidated Statements of Financial Position that relate to its variable interests under long-term purchase and sale contracts are predominately related to working capital accounts and generally represent the amounts owed by or to the Registrants for the deliveries associated with the current billing cycle under the contracts. The Registrants have not provided any significant form of financial support associated with these long-term contracts. There is no significant potential exposure to loss as a result of DTE Energy's variable interests through these long-term purchase and sale contracts. In addition, there is no significant potential exposure to loss as a result of DTE Electric's variable interests through these long-term purchase contracts. In 2001, DTE Electric financed a regulatory asset related to Fermi 2 and certain other regulatory assets through the sale of rate reduction bonds by a wholly-owned special purpose entity, Securitization. DTE Electric performed servicing activities including billing and collecting surcharge revenue for Securitization. The remaining amounts due on the rate reduction bonds were paid in March 2015. The associated regulatory assets were fully amortized by March 31, 2015. Securitization has an over-recovery of funds. DTE Electric began to return the funds to customers in September 2015. Remaining funds are expected to be returned to customers during the fourth quarter of 2015. Subsequent to the pay-down of the bonds, Securitization is no longer a VIE but continues to be consolidated by the Registrants as a voting interest entity.

The maximum risk exposure for consolidated VIEs is reflected on the Registrants' Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. For non-consolidated VIEs, the maximum risk exposure is generally limited to its investment and amounts which it has guaranteed.

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The following table summarizes the major Consolidated Statements of Financial Position items for consolidated VIEs as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014. All assets and liabilities of a consolidated VIE are presented where it has been determined that a consolidated VIE has either (1) assets that can be used only to settle obligations of the VIE or (2) liabilities for which creditors do not have recourse to the general credit of the primary beneficiary. Securitization, included in the DTE Energy table below for December 31, 2014, also relates to DTE Electric. VIEs, in which DTE Energy holds a majority voting interest and is the primary beneficiary, that meet the definition of a business and whose assets can be used for purposes other than the settlement of the VIE's obligations have been excluded from the table below.

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014		
	Total	Securitization	Other	Total
	(In millions)			
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$12	\$—	\$7	\$7
Restricted cash	6	96	8	104
Accounts receivable	14	26	15	41
Inventories	43	—	67	67
Property, plant, and equipment, net	70	—	81	81
Securitized regulatory assets	—	34	—	34
Other current and long-term assets	4	1	6	7
	\$149	\$157	\$184	\$341
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued current liabilities	\$11	\$3	\$8	\$11
Current portion long-term debt, including capital leases	9	105	10	115
Current regulatory liabilities	—	32	—	32
Mortgage bonds, notes, and other	11	—	15	15
Capital lease obligations	—	—	3	3
Other current and long-term liabilities	6	9	6	15
	\$37	\$149	\$42	\$191

Amounts for DTE Energy's non-consolidated VIEs as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In millions)	
Other investments	\$138	\$134
Notes receivable	\$15	\$15

**NOTE 2 — SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Other Income**

Other income for the Registrants is recognized for non-operating income such as equity earnings, allowance for equity funds used during construction, and contract services. DTE Energy's Power & Industrial Projects segment also recognizes Other income in connection with the sale of membership interests in reduced emissions fuel facilities to investors. In exchange for the cash received, the investors will receive a portion of the economic attributes of the facilities, including income tax attributes. The transactions are not treated as a sale of membership interests for financial reporting purposes. Other income is considered earned when refined coal is produced and tax credits are generated. Power & Industrial Projects recognized approximately \$24 million and \$25 million of Other income for the

three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and approximately \$64 million and \$57 million of Other income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, reclassifications out of Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the Registrants were not material. Refer to Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Retirement Benefits and Trusteed Assets", regarding the transfer of a portion of DTE Electric benefit obligations during the year. Changes in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) are presented in DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity and DTE Electric's Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholder's Equity.

Intangible Assets

DTE Energy has certain intangible assets relating to emission allowances, renewable energy credits and non-utility contracts as shown below:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In millions)	
Emission allowances	\$1	\$1
Renewable energy credits	49	45
Contract intangible assets	109	122
	159	168
Less accumulated amortization	59	57
Intangible assets, net	100	111
Less current intangible assets	11	9
	\$89	\$102

DTE Electric has certain intangible assets relating to emission allowances and renewable energy credits as shown below:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In millions)	
Emission allowances	\$1	\$1
Renewable energy credits	49	45
	50	46
Less current intangible assets	11	9
	\$39	\$37

Emission allowances and renewable energy credits are charged to expense, using average cost, as the allowances and credits are consumed in the operation of the businesses by the Registrants. DTE Energy amortizes contract intangible assets on a straight-line basis over the expected period of benefit, ranging from 1 to 26 years.

Income Taxes

The effective tax rate and unrecognized tax benefits of the Registrants are as follows:

	Effective Tax Rate				Unrecognized Tax Benefits
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015		September 30, 2015
					(In millions)
DTE Energy	28	% 12	% 28	% 27	% \$3
DTE Electric	35	% 36	% 35	% 36	% \$4

The increase in DTE Energy's effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2015 is primarily due to higher annual forecasted production tax credits in 2014 as compared to 2015.





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The increase in DTE Energy's effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 is primarily due to lower production tax credits partially offset by the inclusion in 2014 of \$8 million of deferred tax expense resulting from the New York state income tax reform enacted on March 31, 2014.

The decrease in DTE Electric's effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 is due primarily to higher production tax credits in 2015.

If recognized, \$2 million of the unrecognized tax benefits of the Registrants would favorably impact their effective tax rates. During the 2015 third quarter, there was a decrease of \$6 million of unrecognized tax benefits at DTE Energy due to the expiration of statute of limitations. The \$6 million decrease did not impact tax expense because the unrecognized tax benefit was offset by a net operating loss. The Registrants do not anticipate any material changes to the unrecognized tax benefits in the next twelve months.

DTE Electric had income tax receivables with DTE Energy of \$68 million and \$29 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

### NOTE 3 — NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The objectives of this ASU are to improve upon revenue recognition requirements by providing a single comprehensive model to determine the measurement of revenue and timing of recognition. The core principle is that an entity will recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers at an amount that the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. This ASU also requires expanded qualitative and quantitative disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenues and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. In July 2015, the FASB deferred implementation of the revenue standard to be effective for the first interim period within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The standard is to be applied retrospectively and early adoption is permitted in the preceding year. The Registrants are currently assessing the impact of this ASU on their Consolidated Financial Statements.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02, Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis, which changes the analysis that a reporting entity must perform to determine whether it should consolidate certain types of legal entities. The ASU affects (1) limited partnerships and similar legal entities, (2) evaluating fees paid to a decision maker or a service provider as a variable interest, (3) the effect of fee arrangements on the primary beneficiary determination, (4) the effect of related parties on the primary beneficiary determination, and (5) certain investment funds. It is effective for the Registrants for the first interim period within annual reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2015 and early adoption is permitted. The Registrants are currently assessing the impact of this ASU on their Consolidated Financial Statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. This ASU requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. This ASU is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015 and interim periods therein. It is to be applied retrospectively and early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this ASU will not have a significant impact on the Registrants' Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-11, Inventory (Topic 330), Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory. The ASU replaces the current lower of cost or market test with a lower of cost or net realizable value test when cost is determined on a first-in, first-out or average cost basis. The standard is effective for public entities for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods therein. It is to be applied prospectively and early adoption is permitted. The ASU will not have a significant impact on the Registrants' Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.



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NOTE 4 — ACQUISITIONS

On January 21, 2015, DTE Electric closed on an acquisition of a 732 MW simple-cycle natural gas facility in Carson City, Michigan from The LS Power Group. The facility will serve to meet customer needs during periods of peak demand. DTE Electric has completed its valuation analysis to arrive at the fair value of the assets acquired. The cash consideration and total purchase price of approximately \$241 million was allocated based on the underlying fair value of the assets acquired, which was primarily Property, plant, and equipment. The pro forma results of operations have not been presented for DTE Electric as the effects of the acquisition were not material to either Registrant's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

On October 1, 2015, DTE Electric closed on an acquisition of a 350 MW simple-cycle natural gas facility in East China Township, Michigan from a non-utility affiliate of DTE Energy. The facility will serve to meet customer needs during periods of peak demand. DTE Electric has completed its purchase accounting. The cash consideration and total purchase price of approximately \$69 million was based on the net book value of the assets acquired, which was primarily Property, plant, and equipment. The pro forma results of operations have not been presented for DTE Electric as the effects of the acquisition were not material to its Consolidated Statements of Operations.

NOTE 5 — ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

A reconciliation of the ARO for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 follows:

	DTE Energy (In millions)	DTE Electric
Asset retirement obligations at December 31, 2014	\$1,962	\$1,796
Accretion	90	83
Revision in estimated cash flows	128	128
Asset retirement obligations at September 30, 2015	\$2,180	\$2,007

The Revision in estimated cash flows was principally attributed to the impact of the Coal Combustion Residual Rule on DTE Electric's coal ash storage facility AROs. Refer to Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Commitments and Contingencies", for discussion of the implications of the Coal Combustion Residual Rule.

NOTE 6 — REGULATORY MATTERS

2014 Electric Rate Case Filing

DTE Electric filed a rate case with the MPSC on December 19, 2014 requesting an increase in base rates of \$370 million based on a projected twelve-month period ending June 30, 2016. The requested increase in base rates is due primarily to an increase in net plant resulting from infrastructure investments, plant acquisitions, environmental compliance, and reliability improvement projects. The rate filing also included projected changes in sales, working capital, operation and maintenance expenses, return on equity, and capital structure. On July 1, 2015, DTE Electric realized a rate increase of \$230 million consisting of \$190 million of self-implemented base rate increase related to the December 19, 2014 rate request and \$40 million associated with the required elimination of a credit surcharge. A final order in this rate case is expected in December 2015.

Customer Settlement

In July 2014, an industrial customer of DTE Electric filed a complaint with the MPSC alleging they had been overcharged for the period of February 2008 through March 2014, and sought payment from DTE Electric of \$22 million, plus interest. In July 2015, the MPSC issued an order that found the customer is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$20 million, plus interest calculated at 7% per annum, until the refund is paid in full. In July 2015, DTE Electric issued a customer refund of \$25 million, inclusive of interest. Approximately \$16 million of the refund obligation is expected to be recovered through the PSCR and other regulatory mechanisms. DTE Electric does not expect this order to have a material impact to its Consolidated Statements of Operations.



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## NOTE 7 — EARNINGS PER SHARE

DTE Energy reports both basic and diluted earnings per share. The calculation of diluted earnings per share assumes the issuance of potentially dilutive common shares outstanding during the period from the exercise of stock options. A reconciliation of both calculations is presented in the following table for the three and nine months ended September 30:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions, except per share amounts)			
<b>Basic Earnings per Share</b>				
Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$265	\$156	\$647	\$606
Average number of common shares outstanding	179	177	179	177
Dividends declared — common shares	\$131	\$122	\$378	\$353
Dividends declared — net restricted shares	—	—	1	1
Total distributed earnings	\$131	\$122	\$379	\$354
Net Income less distributed earnings	\$134	\$34	\$268	\$252
Distributed (dividends per common share)	\$0.73	\$0.69	\$2.11	\$2.00
Undistributed	0.74	0.19	1.50	1.42
Total Basic Earnings per Common Share	\$1.47	\$0.88	\$3.61	\$3.42
<b>Diluted Earnings per Share</b>				
Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$265	\$156	\$647	\$606
Average number of common shares outstanding	180	177	179	177
Dividends declared — common shares	\$131	\$122	\$378	\$353
Dividends declared — net restricted shares	—	—	1	1
Total distributed earnings	\$131	\$122	\$379	\$354
Net Income less distributed earnings	\$134	\$34	\$268	\$252
Distributed (dividends per common share)	\$0.73	\$0.69	\$2.11	\$2.00
Undistributed	0.74	0.19	1.50	1.42
Total Diluted Earnings per Common Share	\$1.47	\$0.88	\$3.61	\$3.42

## NOTE 8 — FAIR VALUE

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in a principal or most advantageous market. Fair value is a market-based measurement that is determined based on inputs, which refer broadly to assumptions that market participants use in pricing assets or liabilities. These inputs can be readily observable, market corroborated, or generally unobservable inputs. The Registrants make certain assumptions they believe that market participants would use in pricing assets or liabilities, including assumptions about risk, and the risks inherent in the inputs to valuation techniques. Credit risk of the Registrants and their counterparties is incorporated in the valuation of assets and liabilities through the use of credit reserves, the impact of which was immaterial at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014. The Registrants believe they use valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable market-based inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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A fair value hierarchy has been established that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value in three broad levels. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). In some cases, the inputs used to measure fair value might fall in different levels of the fair value hierarchy. All assets and liabilities are required to be classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Assessing the significance of a particular input may require judgment considering factors specific to the asset or liability, and may affect the valuation of the asset or liability and its placement within the fair value hierarchy. The Registrants classify fair value balances based on the fair value hierarchy defined as follows:

• Level 1 — Consists of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Registrants have the ability to access as of the reporting date.

• Level 2 — Consists of inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are directly observable for the asset or liability or indirectly observable through corroboration with observable market data.

• Level 3 — Consists of unobservable inputs for assets or liabilities whose fair value is estimated based on internally developed models or methodologies using inputs that are generally less readily observable and supported by little, if any, market activity at the measurement date. Unobservable inputs are developed based on the best available information and subject to cost-benefit constraints.

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The following table presents assets and liabilities for DTE Energy measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	September 30, 2015					December 31, 2014				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Netting (a)	Net Balance	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Netting (a)	Net Balance
(In millions)										
<b>Assets:</b>										
Cash equivalents (b)	\$11	\$3	\$—	\$—	\$14	\$13	\$99	\$—	\$—	\$112
<b>Nuclear decommissioning trusts</b>										
Other investments (c)	127	18	—	—	145	100	50	—	—	150
<b>Derivative assets:</b>										
<b>Commodity Contracts:</b>										
Natural Gas	162	87	54	(244 )	59	555	140	92	(681 )	106
Electricity	—	204	47	(179 )	72	—	295	47	(280 )	62
Other	17	—	5	(17 )	5	42	—	3	(42 )	3
Other derivative contracts (d)	—	10	—	(8 )	2	—	4	—	(3 )	1
Total derivative assets	179	301	106	(448 )	138	597	439	142	(1,006 )	172
Total	\$1,059	\$779	\$106	\$(448 )	\$1,496	\$1,502	\$1,037	\$142	\$(1,006)	\$1,675
<b>Liabilities:</b>										
<b>Derivative liabilities:</b>										
<b>Commodity Contracts:</b>										
Natural Gas	\$(195 )	\$(49 )	\$(33 )	\$249	\$(28 )	\$(578 )	\$(78 )	\$(62 )	\$679	\$(39 )
Electricity	—	(200 )	(44 )	190	(54 )	—	(290 )	(52 )	298	(44 )
Other	(13 )	(4 )	(6 )	22	(1 )	(32 )	(9 )	(4 )	45	—
Other derivative contracts (d)	—	(7 )	—	7	—	—	(5 )	—	3	(2 )
Total derivative liabilities	(208 )	(260 )	(83 )	468	(83 )	(610 )	(382 )	(118 )	1,025	(85 )
Total	\$(208 )	\$(260 )	\$(83 )	\$468	\$(83 )	\$(610 )	\$(382 )	\$(118 )	\$1,025	\$(85 )
Net Assets (Liabilities) at the end of the period	\$851	\$519	\$23	\$20	\$1,413	\$892	\$655	\$24	\$19	\$1,590
<b>Assets:</b>										
Current	\$159	\$225	\$78	\$(358 )	\$104	\$582	\$504	\$109	\$(955 )	\$240
Noncurrent (e)	900	554	28	(90 )	1,392	920	533	33	(51 )	1,435
Total Assets	\$1,059	\$779	\$106	\$(448 )	\$1,496	\$1,502	\$1,037	\$142	\$(1,006)	\$1,675
<b>Liabilities:</b>										
Current	\$(160 )	\$(198 )	\$(61 )	\$363	\$(56 )	\$(572 )	\$(357 )	\$(112 )	\$964	\$(77 )
Noncurrent	(48 )	(62 )	(22 )	105	(27 )	(38 )	(25 )	(6 )	61	(8 )
Total Liabilities	\$(208 )	\$(260 )	\$(83 )	\$468	\$(83 )	\$(610 )	\$(382 )	\$(118 )	\$1,025	\$(85 )
Net Assets (Liabilities) at the end of the period	\$851	\$519	\$23	\$20	\$1,413	\$892	\$655	\$24	\$19	\$1,590

(a)

Amounts represent the impact of master netting agreements that allow DTE Energy to net gain and loss positions and cash collateral held or placed with the same counterparties.

- At September 30, 2015, available-for-sale securities of \$14 million included \$6 million and \$8 million of cash equivalents included in Restricted cash and Other investments on DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, respectively. At December 31, 2014, available-for-sale securities of \$112 million, included \$105 million and \$7 million of cash equivalents included in Restricted cash and Other investments on DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, respectively.
- (c) Excludes cash surrender value of life insurance investments.
  - (d) Primarily includes foreign currency exchange contracts.
  - (e) Includes \$145 million and \$150 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, of other investments that are included in DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position in Other investments.



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The following table presents assets for DTE Electric measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	September 30, 2015			Net Balance	December 31, 2014			Net Balance
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	(In millions)							
Assets:								
Cash equivalents (a)	\$5	\$3	\$—	\$8	\$5	\$99	\$—	\$104
Nuclear decommissioning trusts	742	457	—	1,199	792	449	—	1,241
Other investments	7	—	—	7	97	50	—	147
Derivative assets — FTRs	—	—	5	5	—	—	3	3
Total	\$754	\$460	\$5	\$1,219	\$894	\$598	\$3	\$1,495
Assets:								
Current	\$5	\$3	\$5	\$13	\$5	\$99	\$3	\$107
Noncurrent	749	457	—	1,206	889	499	—	1,388
Total Assets	\$754	\$460	\$5	\$1,219	\$894	\$598	\$3	\$1,495

At September 30, 2015, available-for-sale securities of \$8 million consisted of cash equivalents included in Other investments on DTE Electric's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. At December 31, 2014, (a) available-for-sale securities of \$104 million included \$96 million and \$8 million of cash equivalents included in Restricted cash and Other investments, respectively, on DTE Electric's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

#### Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased. The cash equivalents shown in the fair value table are comprised of short-term investments and money market funds.

#### Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts and Other Investments

The nuclear decommissioning trusts and other investments hold debt and equity securities directly and indirectly through institutional mutual funds. Exchange-traded debt and equity securities held directly are valued using quoted market prices in actively traded markets. The institutional mutual funds hold exchange-traded equity or debt securities and are valued based on stated NAVs. Non-exchange-traded fixed income securities are valued based upon quotations available from brokers or pricing services. A primary price source is identified by asset type, class, or issue for each security. The trustee monitors prices supplied by pricing services and may use a supplemental price source or change the primary price source of a given security if the trustee determines that another price source is considered to be preferable. The Registrants have obtained an understanding of how these prices are derived, including the nature and observability of the inputs used in deriving such prices. Additionally, the Registrants selectively corroborate the fair value of securities by comparison of market-based price sources. Investment policies and procedures are determined by DTE Energy's Trust Investments Department which reports to DTE Energy's Vice President and Treasurer.

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Derivative Assets and Liabilities

Derivative assets and liabilities are comprised of physical and financial derivative contracts, including futures, forwards, options, and swaps that are both exchange-traded and over-the-counter traded contracts. Various inputs are used to value derivatives depending on the type of contract and availability of market data. Exchange-traded derivative contracts are valued using quoted prices in active markets. The Registrants consider the following criteria in determining whether a market is considered active: frequency in which pricing information is updated, variability in pricing between sources or over time, and the availability of public information. Other derivative contracts are valued based upon a variety of inputs including commodity market prices, broker quotes, interest rates, credit ratings, default rates, market-based seasonality, and basis differential factors. The Registrants monitor the prices that are supplied by brokers and pricing services and may use a supplemental price source or change the primary price source of an index if prices become unavailable or another price source is determined to be more representative of fair value. The Registrants have obtained an understanding of how these prices are derived. Additionally, the Registrants selectively corroborate the fair value of their transactions by comparison of market-based price sources. Mathematical valuation models are used for derivatives for which external market data is not readily observable, such as contracts which extend beyond the actively traded reporting period. The Registrants have established a Risk Management Committee whose responsibilities include directly or indirectly ensuring all valuation methods are applied in accordance with predefined policies. The development and maintenance of the Registrants' forward price curves has been assigned to DTE Energy's Risk Management Department, which is separate and distinct from the trading functions within DTE Energy.

The following tables present the fair value reconciliation of Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for DTE Energy for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015				Three Months Ended September 30, 2014			
	Natural Gas	Electricity	Other	Total	Natural Gas	Electricity	Other	Total
	(In millions)							
Net Assets (Liabilities) as of June 30	\$(8 )	\$ 3	\$ 1	\$(4 )	\$(20 )	\$(27 )	\$ 7	\$(40 )
Transfers into Level 3 from Level 2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Transfers from Level 3 into Level 2	—	—	—	—	(4 )	—	—	(4 )
Total gains (losses):								
Included in earnings	24	18	(3 )	39	(2 )	13	(1 )	10
Recorded in regulatory assets/liabilities	—	—	3	3	—	—	(3 )	(3 )
Purchases, issuances, and settlements:								
Purchases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuances	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Settlements	5	(18 )	(2 )	(15 )	(3 )	(3 )	—	(6 )
Net Assets (Liabilities) as of September 30	\$21	\$ 3	\$(1 )	\$23	\$(28 )	\$(17 )	\$ 3	\$(42 )
The amount of total gains (losses) included in Net Income attributed to the change in unrealized gains (losses) related to assets and liabilities held at September 30, 2015 and 2014 and reflected in Operating revenues and Fuel, purchased power and gas in DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Operations	\$ 18	\$(3 )	\$(3 )	\$ 12	\$(7 )	\$ 14	\$(1 )	\$ 6



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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014			
	Natural Gas	Electricity	Other	Total	Natural Gas	Electricity	Other	Total
(In millions)								
Net Assets (Liabilities) as of December 31	\$30	\$ (5 )	\$ (1 )	\$24	\$(52 )	\$ 13	\$ 3	\$(36 )
Transfers into Level 3 from Level 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers from Level 3 into Level 2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Total gains (losses):								
Included in earnings	(11 )	42	(5 )	26	(45 )	26	(2 )	(21 )
Recorded in regulatory assets/liabilities	—	—	14	14	—	—	9	9
Purchases, issuances, and settlements:								
Purchases	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	1
Issuances	—	—	—	—	—	(2 )	—	(2 )
Settlements	2	(36 )	(9 )	(43 )	67	(55 )	(7 )	5
Net Assets (Liabilities) as of September 30	\$21	\$ 3	\$ (1 )	\$23	\$(28 )	\$(17 )	\$ 3	\$(42 )
The amount of total gains (losses) included in Net Income attributed to the change in unrealized gains (losses) related to assets and liabilities held at September 30, 2015 and 2014 and reflected in Operating revenues and Fuel, purchased power and gas in DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Operations	\$(94 )	\$ 8	\$(4 )	\$(90 )	\$(23 )	\$(6 )	\$(1 )	\$(30 )

The following table presents the fair value reconciliation of Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for DTE Electric for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
(In millions)				
Net Assets as of beginning of period	\$5	\$7	\$3	\$3
Change in fair value recorded in regulatory assets/liabilities	3	(3 )	14	9
Purchases, issuances, and settlements:				
Settlements	(3 )	—	(12 )	(8 )
Net Assets as of September 30	\$5	\$4	\$5	\$4
The amount of total gains (losses) included in Regulatory assets and liabilities attributed to the change in unrealized gains (losses) related to assets and liabilities held at September 30, 2015 and 2014 and reflected in DTE Electric's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position	\$1	\$(1 )	\$5	\$4

Derivatives are transferred between levels primarily due to changes in the source data used to construct price curves as a result of changes in market liquidity. Transfers in and transfers out are reflected as if they had occurred at the

beginning of the period.

There were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2 for the Registrants during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and there were no transfers from or into Level 3 for DTE Electric during the same periods.

The following table presents the unobservable inputs related to DTE Energy's Level 3 assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2015:

Commodity Contracts	September 30, 2015		Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input	Range		Weighted Average	
	Derivative Assets (In millions)	Derivative Liabilities						
Natural Gas	\$54	\$ (33 )	Discounted Cash Flow	Forward basis price (per MMBtu)	\$(1.73 ) \$6.57	/MMBtu	\$(0.11 )	/MMBtu
Electricity	\$47	\$ (44 )	Discounted Cash Flow	Forward basis price (per MWh)	\$(8 ) \$15	/MWh	\$1	/MWh

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The following table presents the unobservable inputs related to DTE Energy's Level 3 assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2014:

Commodity Contracts	December 31, 2014		Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Input	Range		Weighted Average	
	Derivative Assets (In millions)	Derivative Liabilities						
Natural Gas	\$92	\$(62)	Discounted Cash Flow	Forward basis price (per MMBtu)	\$(2.28) — \$7.83	/MMBtu	\$(0.22)	/MMBtu
Electricity	\$47	\$(52)	Discounted Cash Flow	Forward basis price (per MWh)	\$(14) — \$15	/MWh	\$4	/MWh

The unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the electricity and natural gas commodity types consist of inputs that are less observable due in part to lack of available broker quotes, supported by little, if any, market activity at the measurement date or are based on internally developed models. Certain basis prices (i.e., the difference in pricing between two locations) included in the valuation of natural gas and electricity contracts were deemed unobservable.

The inputs listed above would have a direct impact on the fair values of the above security types if they were adjusted. A significant increase (decrease) in the basis price would result in a higher (lower) fair value for long positions, with offsetting impacts to short positions.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of financial instruments included in the table below is determined by using quoted market prices when available. When quoted prices are not available, pricing services may be used to determine the fair value with reference to observable interest rate indexes. The Registrants have obtained an understanding of how the fair values are derived. The Registrants also selectively corroborate the fair value of their transactions by comparison of market-based price sources. Discounted cash flow analyses based upon estimated current borrowing rates are also used to determine fair value when quoted market prices are not available. The fair values of notes receivable, excluding capital leases, are estimated using discounted cash flow techniques that incorporate market interest rates as well as assumptions about the remaining life of the loans and credit risk. Depending on the information available, other valuation techniques may be used that rely on internal assumptions and models. Valuation policies and procedures for the Registrants are determined by DTE Energy's Treasury Department which reports to DTE Energy's Vice President and Treasurer.

The following table presents the carrying amount and fair value of financial instruments for DTE Energy as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	September 30, 2015				December 31, 2014			
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value Level 1	Fair Value Level 2	Fair Value Level 3	Carrying Amount	Fair Value Level 1	Fair Value Level 2	Fair Value Level 3
Notes receivable, excluding capital leases	\$34	\$—	\$—	\$34	\$41	\$—	\$—	\$41
Dividends payable	\$131	\$131	\$—	\$—	\$122	\$122	\$—	\$—
Short-term borrowings	\$185	\$—	\$185	\$—	\$398	\$—	\$398	\$—
Long-term debt, excluding capital leases	\$9,310	\$480	\$8,289	\$1,186	\$8,606	\$489	\$8,308	\$706

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The following table presents the carrying amount and fair value of financial instruments for DTE Electric as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	September 30, 2015				December 31, 2014			
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value Level 1	Fair Value Level 2	Fair Value Level 3	Carrying Amount	Fair Value Level 1	Fair Value Level 2	Fair Value Level 3
	(In millions)							
Notes receivable, excluding capital leases	\$6	\$—	\$—	\$6	\$12	\$—	\$—	\$12
Notes receivable — affiliates	\$4	\$—	\$—	\$4	\$8	\$—	\$—	\$8
Short-term borrowings — affiliates	\$68	\$—	\$—	\$68	\$84	\$—	\$—	\$84
Short-term borrowings — other	\$46	\$—	\$46	\$—	50	\$—	\$50	\$—
Long-term debt, excluding capital leases	\$5,644	\$—	\$5,496	\$562	\$5,259	\$—	\$5,341	\$496

For further fair value information on financial and derivative instruments see Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Financial and Other Derivative Instruments".

Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Funds

DTE Electric has a legal obligation to decommission its nuclear power plants following the expiration of their operating licenses. This obligation is reflected as an ARO on the Registrants' Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. Rates approved by the MPSC provide for the recovery of decommissioning costs of Fermi 2 and the disposal of low-level radioactive waste. DTE Electric is continuing to fund FERC jurisdictional amounts for decommissioning even though explicit provisions are not included in FERC rates. See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Asset Retirement Obligations".

The following table summarizes DTE Electric's fair value of the nuclear decommissioning trust fund assets:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In millions)	
Fermi 2	\$1,175	\$1,221
Fermi 1	3	3
Low-level radioactive waste	21	17
Total	\$1,199	\$1,241

The costs of securities sold are determined on the basis of specific identification. The following table sets forth DTE Electric's gains and losses and proceeds from the sale of securities by the nuclear decommissioning trust funds:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Realized gains	\$8	\$8	\$30	\$24
Realized losses	\$(10)	\$(3)	\$(23)	\$(14)
Proceeds from sales of securities	\$187	\$177	\$627	\$652

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Realized gains and losses from the sale of securities for the Fermi 2 and the low-level radioactive waste funds are recorded to the Regulatory asset and Nuclear decommissioning liability. The following table sets forth DTE Electric's fair value and unrealized gains and losses for the nuclear decommissioning trust funds:

	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Fair Value	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses
	(In millions)					
Equity securities	\$708	\$169	\$(74 )	\$756	\$204	\$(39 )
Debt securities	484	18	(2 )	474	21	(2 )
Cash and cash equivalents	7	—	—	11	—	—
	\$1,199	\$187	\$(76 )	\$1,241	\$225	\$(41 )

The debt securities at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 had an average maturity of approximately 6 and 7 years, respectively. Securities held in the nuclear decommissioning trust funds are classified as available-for-sale. As DTE Electric does not have the ability to hold impaired investments for a period of time sufficient to allow for the anticipated recovery of market value, all unrealized losses are considered to be other-than-temporary impairments. Unrealized losses incurred by the Fermi 2 trust are recognized as a Regulatory asset.

#### Other Securities

At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Registrants' securities were comprised primarily of money market and equity securities. There were no unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities which were reclassified out of Other comprehensive income and realized into Net Income for DTE Energy or DTE Electric during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. Losses related to trading securities held at September 30, 2015 were \$2 million and gains related to trading securities held at September 30, 2014 were \$9 million, respectively, for DTE Energy, including \$2 million of losses and \$8 million of gains, respectively, relating to DTE Electric. The trading gains or losses related to the Rabbi Trust assets are allocated from DTE Energy to DTE Electric.

#### NOTE 9 — FINANCIAL AND OTHER DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The Registrants recognize all derivatives at their fair value as Derivative assets or liabilities on their respective Consolidated Statements of Financial Position unless they qualify for certain scope exceptions, including the normal purchases and normal sales exception. Further, derivatives that qualify and are designated for hedge accounting are classified as either hedges of a forecasted transaction or the variability of cash flows to be received or paid related to a recognized asset or liability (cash flow hedge); or as hedges of the fair value of a recognized asset or liability or of an unrecognized firm commitment (fair value hedge). For cash flow hedges, the portion of the derivative gain or loss that is effective in offsetting the change in the value of the underlying exposure is deferred in Accumulated other comprehensive income and later reclassified into earnings when the underlying transaction occurs. Gains or losses from the ineffective portion of cash flow hedges are recognized in earnings immediately. For fair value hedges, changes in fair values for the derivative and hedged item are recognized in earnings each period. For derivatives that do not qualify or are not designated for hedge accounting, changes in fair value are recognized in earnings each period.

The Registrants' primary market risk exposure is associated with commodity prices, credit, and interest rates. The Registrants have risk management policies to monitor and manage market risks. The Registrants use derivative instruments to manage some of the exposure. DTE Energy uses derivative instruments for trading purposes in its Energy Trading segment. Contracts classified as derivative instruments include electricity, natural gas, oil, certain coal forwards, futures, options, and swaps, and foreign currency exchange contracts. Items not classified as derivatives include natural gas inventory, pipeline transportation contracts, renewable energy credits, and natural gas storage assets.



DTE Electric — DTE Electric generates, purchases, distributes, and sells electricity. DTE Electric uses forward energy contracts to manage changes in the price of electricity and fuel. Substantially all of these contracts meet the normal purchases and normal sales exception and are therefore accounted for under the accrual method. Other derivative contracts are MTM and recoverable through the PSCR mechanism when settled. This results in the deferral of unrealized gains and losses as Regulatory assets or liabilities until realized.

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DTE Gas — DTE Gas purchases, stores, transports, distributes and sells natural gas, and sells storage and transportation capacity. DTE Gas has fixed-priced contracts for portions of its expected natural gas supply requirements through March 2018. Substantially all of these contracts meet the normal purchases and normal sales exception and are therefore accounted for under the accrual method. DTE Gas may also sell forward transportation and storage capacity contracts. Forward transportation and storage contracts are generally not derivatives and are therefore accounted for under the accrual method.

Gas Storage and Pipelines — This segment is primarily engaged in services related to the transportation and storage of natural gas. Primarily fixed-priced contracts are used in the marketing and management of transportation and storage services. Generally these contracts are not derivatives and are therefore accounted for under the accrual method.

Power and Industrial Projects — This segment manages and operates energy and pulverized coal projects, coke batteries, reduced emissions fuel projects, landfill gas recovery, and power generation assets. Primarily fixed-price contracts are used in the marketing and management of the segment assets. These contracts are generally not derivatives and are therefore accounted for under the accrual method.

Energy Trading — Commodity Price Risk — Energy Trading markets and trades electricity, natural gas physical products, and energy financial instruments, and provides energy and asset management services utilizing energy commodity derivative instruments. Forwards, futures, options, and swap agreements are used to manage exposure to the risk of market price and volume fluctuations in its operations. These derivatives are accounted for by recording changes in fair value to earnings unless hedge accounting criteria are met.

Energy Trading — Foreign Currency Exchange Risk — Energy Trading has foreign currency exchange forward contracts to economically hedge fixed Canadian dollar commitments existing under natural gas and power purchase and sale contracts and natural gas transportation contracts. DTE Energy enters into these contracts to mitigate price volatility with respect to fluctuations of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar. These derivatives are accounted for by recording changes in fair value to earnings unless hedge accounting criteria are met.

Corporate and Other — Interest Rate Risk — DTE Energy may use interest rate swaps, treasury locks, and other derivatives to hedge the risk associated with interest rate market volatility.

Credit Risk — DTE Energy maintains credit policies that significantly minimize overall credit risk. These policies include an evaluation of potential customers' and counterparties' financial condition, credit rating, collateral requirements, or other credit enhancements such as letters of credit or guarantees. DTE Energy generally uses standardized agreements that allow the netting of positive and negative transactions associated with a single counterparty. DTE Energy maintains a provision for credit losses based on factors surrounding the credit risk of its customers, historical trends, and other information. Based on DTE Energy's credit policies and its September 30, 2015 provision for credit losses, DTE Energy's exposure to counterparty nonperformance is not expected to have a material adverse effect on DTE Energy's Consolidated Financial Statements.

Derivative Activities

DTE Energy manages its MTM risk on a portfolio basis based upon the delivery period of its contracts and the individual components of the risks within each contract. Accordingly, it records and manages the energy purchase and sale obligations under its contracts in separate components based on the commodity (e.g. electricity or natural gas), the product (e.g. electricity for delivery during peak or off-peak hours), the delivery location (e.g. by region), the risk profile (e.g. forward or option), and the delivery period (e.g. by month and year). The following describes the categories of activities represented by their operating characteristics and key risks:

Asset Optimization — Represents derivative activity associated with assets owned and contracted by DTE Energy, including forward natural gas purchases and sales, natural gas transportation, and storage capacity. Changes in the value of derivatives in this category typically economically offset changes in the value of underlying non-derivative positions, which do not qualify for fair value accounting. The difference in accounting treatment of derivatives in this category and the underlying non-derivative positions can result in significant earnings volatility.

Marketing and Origination — Represents derivative activity transacted by originating substantially hedged positions with wholesale energy marketers, producers, end users, utilities, retail aggregators, and alternative energy suppliers.

Fundamentals Based Trading — Represents derivative activity transacted with the intent of taking a view, capturing market price changes, or putting capital at risk. This activity is speculative in nature as opposed to hedging an existing exposure.

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Other — Includes derivative activity at DTE Electric related to FTRs. Changes in the value of derivative contracts at DTE Electric are recorded as Derivative assets or liabilities, with an offset to Regulatory assets or liabilities as the settlement value of these contracts will be included in the PSCR mechanism when realized.

The following table presents the fair value of derivative instruments as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 for DTE Energy:

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities	Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities
	(In millions)			
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign currency exchange contracts	\$ 10	\$(7 )	\$ 4	\$(5 )
Commodity Contracts:				
Natural Gas	303	(277 )	787	(718 )
Electricity	251	(244 )	342	(342 )
Other	22	(23 )	45	(45 )
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:	\$ 586	\$(551 )	\$ 1,178	\$(1,110 )
Total derivatives:				
Current	\$ 448	\$(419 )	\$ 1,083	\$(1,041 )
Noncurrent	138	(132 )	95	(69 )
Total derivatives	\$ 586	\$(551 )	\$ 1,178	\$(1,110 )

The following table presents the fair value of derivative instruments as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 for DTE Electric:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In millions)	
FTRs — Other current assets	\$ 5	\$ 3
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instrument	\$ 5	\$ 3

Certain of DTE Energy's derivative positions are subject to netting arrangements which provide for offsetting of asset and liability positions as well as related cash collateral. Such netting arrangements generally do not have restrictions. Under such netting arrangements, DTE Energy offsets the fair value of derivative instruments with cash collateral received or paid for those contracts executed with the same counterparty, which reduces DTE Energy's total assets and liabilities. Cash collateral is allocated between the fair value of derivative instruments and customer accounts receivable and payable with the same counterparty on a pro rata basis to the extent there is exposure. Any cash collateral remaining, after the exposure is netted to zero, is reflected in accounts receivable and accounts payable as collateral paid or received, respectively.

DTE Energy also provides and receives collateral in the form of letters of credit which can be offset against net derivative assets and liabilities as well as accounts receivable and payable. DTE Energy had no letters of credit outstanding at September 30, 2015 and \$7 million in letters of credit at December 31, 2014, which could be used to offset net derivative liabilities. Letters of credit received from third parties which could be used to offset net derivative assets were \$1 million and \$5 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. Such balances of letters of credit are excluded from the tables below and are not netted with the recognized assets and liabilities in DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

For contracts with certain clearing agents the fair value of derivative instruments is netted against realized positions with the net balance reflected as either 1) a derivative asset or liability or 2) an account receivable or payable. Other than certain clearing agents, accounts receivable and accounts payable that are subject to netting arrangements have not been offset against the fair value of derivative assets and liabilities. Certain contracts that have netting

arrangements have not been offset in DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. The impact of netting these derivative instruments and cash collateral related to such contracts is not material. Only the gross amounts for these derivative instruments are included in the table below.

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For DTE Energy, the total cash collateral posted, net of cash collateral received, was \$27 million and \$61 million as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. As of September 30, 2015, derivative assets and derivative liabilities are shown net of cash collateral of \$1 million and \$21 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2014, there was no cash collateral related to unrealized positions to net against derivative assets while derivative liabilities are shown net of cash collateral of \$19 million. DTE Energy recorded cash collateral paid of \$8 million and cash collateral received of \$1 million not related to unrealized derivative positions as of September 30, 2015. DTE Energy recorded cash collateral paid of \$44 million and cash collateral received of \$2 million not related to unrealized derivative positions as of December 31, 2014. These amounts are included in accounts receivable and accounts payable and are recorded net by counterparty.

The following table presents the netting offsets of derivative assets and liabilities for DTE Energy at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets (Liabilities)	Gross Offset in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position	Net Amounts of Assets (Liabilities) Presented in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets (Liabilities)	Gross Offset in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position	Net Amounts of Assets (Liabilities) Presented in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
(In millions)						
Derivative assets:						
Commodity Contracts:						
Natural Gas	\$303	\$(244)	) \$59	\$787	\$(681)	) \$106
Electricity	251	(179)	) 72	342	(280)	) 62
Other	22	(17)	) 5	45	(42)	) 3
Other derivative contracts (a)	10	(8)	) 2	4	(3)	) 1
Total derivative assets	\$586	\$(448)	) \$138	\$1,178	\$(1,006)	) \$172
Derivative liabilities:						
Commodity Contracts:						
Natural Gas	\$(277)	) \$249	\$(28)	) \$(718)	) \$679	\$(39)
Electricity	(244)	) 190	(54)	) (342)	) 298	(44)
Other	(23)	) 22	(1)	) (45)	) 45	—
Other derivative contracts (a)	(7)	) 7	—	(5)	) 3	(2)
Total derivative liabilities	\$(551)	) \$468	\$(83)	) \$(1,110)	) \$1,025	\$(85)

(a) Primarily includes foreign currency exchange contracts.

The following table presents the netting offsets of derivative assets and liabilities showing the reconciliation of derivative instruments to DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities	Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities
Current	Noncurrent	Current	Noncurrent

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	(In millions)								
Total fair value of derivatives	\$448	\$138	\$(419)	) \$(132)	) \$1,083	\$95	\$(1,041)	) \$(69)	)
Counterparty netting	(358)	) (89)	) 358	89	(955)	) (51)	) 955	51	
Collateral adjustment	—	(1)	) 5	16	—	—	9	10	
Total derivatives as reported	\$90	\$48	\$(56)	) \$(27)	) \$128	\$44	\$(77)	) \$(8)	)

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The effect of derivatives not designated as hedging instruments on DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 for DTE Energy is as follows:

Derivatives not Designated as Hedging Instruments	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives for the Three Months Ended		Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives for the Nine Months Ended	
		September 30, 2015	2014	September 30, 2015	2014
Foreign currency exchange contracts	Operating Revenue	\$1	\$(1)	\$2	\$(2)
Commodity Contracts:					
Natural Gas	Operating Revenue	55	(38)	(75)	(10)
Natural Gas	Fuel, purchased power, and gas	(24)	12	9	23
Electricity	Operating Revenue	14	12	60	100
Other	Operating Revenue	(4)	(1)	(4)	(5)
Total		\$42	\$(16)	\$(8)	\$106

Revenues and energy costs related to trading contracts are presented on a net basis in DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Operations. Commodity derivatives used for trading purposes, and financial non-trading commodity derivatives, are accounted for using the MTM method with unrealized and realized gains and losses recorded in Operating revenues. Non-trading physical commodity sale and purchase derivative contracts are generally accounted for using the MTM method with unrealized and realized gains and losses for sales recorded in Operating revenue and purchases recorded in Fuel, purchased power, and gas.

The following represents the cumulative gross volume of DTE Energy's derivative contracts outstanding as of September 30, 2015:

Commodity	Number of Units
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	1,083,436,935
Electricity (MWh)	22,421,752
Oil (Gallons)	23,520,000
Foreign Currency Exchange (Canadian dollars)	42,420,220

Various subsidiaries of DTE Energy have entered into contracts which contain ratings triggers and are guaranteed by DTE Energy. These contracts contain provisions which allow the counterparties to require that DTE Energy post cash or letters of credit as collateral in the event that DTE Energy's credit rating is downgraded below investment grade. Certain of these provisions (known as "hard triggers") state specific circumstances under which DTE Energy can be required to post collateral upon the occurrence of a credit downgrade, while other provisions (known as "soft triggers") are not as specific. For contracts with soft triggers, it is difficult to estimate the amount of collateral which may be requested by counterparties and/or which DTE Energy may ultimately be required to post. The amount of such collateral which could be requested fluctuates based on commodity prices (primarily natural gas, power and coal) and the provisions and maturities of the underlying transactions. As of September 30, 2015, DTE Energy's contractual obligation to post collateral in the form of cash or letters of credit in the event of a downgrade to below investment grade, under both hard trigger and soft trigger provisions, was approximately \$420 million.

As of September 30, 2015, DTE Energy had approximately \$516 million of derivatives in net liability positions, for which hard triggers exist. There is no collateral that has been posted against such liabilities, including cash and letters of credit. Associated derivative net asset positions for which contractual offset exists were approximately \$430 million. The net remaining amount of approximately \$85 million is derived from the \$420 million noted above.





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## NOTE 10 — LONG-TERM DEBT

## Debt Issuances

In 2015, the following debt was issued:

Company	Month	Type	Interest Rate	Maturity	Amount (In millions)
DTE Electric	March	Mortgage Bonds (a)	3.70%	2045	\$500
DTE Energy	June	Senior Notes (b)	3.30%	2022	300
DTE Gas	August	Mortgage Bonds (c)	3.35%	2027	40
DTE Gas	August	Mortgage Bonds (c)	4.21%	2045	125
					\$965

(a) Proceeds were used for the redemption of long-term debt, for the repayment of short-term borrowings, and for general corporate purposes.

(b) Proceeds were used for general corporate purposes.

(c) Proceeds were used for the redemption of long-term debt and for general corporate purposes.

## Debt Redemptions

In 2015, the following debt was redeemed:

Company	Month	Type	Interest Rate	Maturity	Amount (In millions)
DTE Electric	March	Securitization Bonds	6.62%	2015	\$105
DTE Electric	March	Mortgage Bonds	7.904%	2016	10
DTE Gas	September	Senior Notes	5.94%	2015	140
DTE Energy	Various	Other Long Term Debt	Various	2015	5
					\$260

## NOTE 11 — SHORT-TERM CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS AND BORROWINGS

DTE Energy and its wholly owned subsidiaries, DTE Electric and DTE Gas, have unsecured revolving credit agreements that can be used for general corporate borrowings, but are intended to provide liquidity support for each of the companies' commercial paper programs. Borrowings under the facilities are available at prevailing short-term interest rates. Additionally, DTE Energy has other facilities to support letter of credit issuance.

In August 2015, the DTE Energy unsecured letter of credit facility expired. In September 2015, DTE Energy entered into a new, \$70 million, two year unsecured letter of credit facility. The facility has the same financial covenants as DTE Energy's unsecured revolving credit facilities.

The agreements require DTE Energy, DTE Electric, and DTE Gas to maintain a total funded debt to capitalization ratio of no more than 0.65 to 1. In the agreements, "total funded debt" means all indebtedness of each respective company and their consolidated subsidiaries, including capital lease obligations, hedge agreements, and guarantees of third parties' debt, but excluding contingent obligations, nonrecourse and junior subordinated debt, and certain equity-linked securities and, except for calculations at the end of the second quarter, certain DTE Gas short-term debt. "Capitalization" means the sum of (a) total funded debt plus (b) "consolidated net worth", which is equal to consolidated total stockholders' equity of each respective company and their consolidated subsidiaries (excluding pension effects under certain FASB statements), as determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. At September 30, 2015, the total funded debt to total capitalization ratios for DTE Energy,

DTE Electric, and DTE Gas were 0.50 to 1, 0.50 to 1, and 0.48 to 1, respectively, and are in compliance with this financial covenant.

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The availability under the facilities in place at September 30, 2015 is shown in the following table:

	DTE Energy (In millions)	DTE Electric	DTE Gas	Total
Unsecured letter of credit facility, expiring in February 2017	\$100	\$—	\$—	\$100
Unsecured letter of credit facility, expiring in September 2017	70	—	—	70
Unsecured revolving credit facility, expiring April 2020	1,200	400	300	1,900
	1,370	400	300	2,070
Amounts outstanding at September 30, 2015:				
Commercial paper issuances	11	46	128	185
Letters of credit	185	—	—	185
	196	46	128	370
Net availability at September 30, 2015	\$1,174	\$354	\$172	\$1,700

DTE Energy has other outstanding letters of credit which are not included in the above described facilities totaling approximately \$20 million which are used for various corporate purposes.

In conjunction with maintaining certain exchange traded risk management positions, DTE Energy may be required to post cash collateral with its clearing agent. DTE Energy has a demand financing agreement for up to \$100 million with its clearing agent. The agreement, as amended, also allows for up to \$50 million of additional margin financing provided that DTE Energy posts a letter of credit for the incremental amount. At September 30, 2015, a \$25 million letter of credit was in place, raising the capacity under this facility to \$125 million. The \$25 million letter of credit is included in the table above. The amount outstanding under this agreement was \$70 million and \$37 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

#### NOTE 12 — COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

##### Environmental

##### DTE Electric

**Air** — DTE Electric is subject to the EPA ozone and fine particulate transport and acid rain regulations that limit power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides. The EPA and the State of Michigan have issued emission reduction regulations relating to ozone, fine particulate, regional haze, mercury, and other air pollution. These rules have led to controls on fossil-fueled power plants to reduce nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, mercury and other emissions. Additional rulemakings are expected over the next few years which could require additional controls for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and hazardous air pollutants.

The Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), required further reductions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emissions beginning in January 2015. DTE Electric expects to meet its obligations under CSAPR. However, portions of CSAPR are being reviewed by the Court of Appeals for the D.C. District and any financial impact related to this review cannot be predicted at this time.

The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) rule, formerly known as the Electric Generating Unit Maximum Achievable Control Technology (EGU MACT) Rule was finalized in December 2011. The MATS rule requires reductions of mercury and other hazardous air pollutants beginning in April 2015. DTE Electric has requested and been granted compliance date extensions for all relevant units to April 2016. DTE Electric has tested several technologies as MATS compliance alternatives to Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) systems to determine technological and economic feasibility. Dry Sorbent Injection (DSI) and Activated Carbon Injection (ACI) technologies were deemed feasible and their implementation will allow units that would not have been economical for FGD installations to continue operation in compliance with MATS. In November 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review a challenge to the MATS rule based on a narrowly focused question of how the EPA considered costs in regulating air

pollutants emitted by electric utilities. In June 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Court of Appeals for the D.C. District and remanded the MATS rule to the Court of Appeals for further consideration based on their decision that the EPA must consider costs prior to deciding to regulate under the provisions of the Clean Air Act. DTE Electric does not expect this decision to have a material effect on its compliance plans at this time.

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The EPA proposed revised air quality standards for ground level ozone in November 2014 and specifically requested comments on the form and level of the ozone standards. The standards were finalized on October 1, 2015. DTE Electric cannot predict the financial impact of the revised ozone standards at this time.

In July 2009, DTE Energy received a NOV/FOV from the EPA alleging, among other things, that five DTE Electric power plants violated New Source Performance standards, Prevention of Significant Deterioration requirements, and operating permit requirements under the Clean Air Act. In June 2010, the EPA issued a NOV/FOV making similar allegations related to a project and outage at Unit 2 of the Monroe Power Plant. In March 2013, DTE Energy received a supplemental NOV from the EPA relating to the July 2009 NOV/FOV. The supplemental NOV alleged additional violations relating to the New Source Review provisions under the Clean Air Act, among other things.

In August 2010, the U.S. Department of Justice, at the request of the EPA, brought a civil suit in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan against DTE Energy and DTE Electric, related to the June 2010 NOV/FOV and the outage work performed at Unit 2 of the Monroe Power Plant, but not relating to the July 2009 NOV/FOV. Among other relief, the EPA requested the court to require DTE Electric to install and operate the best available control technology at Unit 2 of the Monroe Power Plant. Further, the EPA requested the court to issue a preliminary injunction to require DTE Electric to (i) begin the process of obtaining the necessary permits for the Monroe Unit 2 modification and (ii) offset the pollution from Monroe Unit 2 through emissions reductions from DTE Electric's fleet of coal-fired power plants until the new control equipment is operating. In August 2011, the U.S. District Court judge granted DTE Energy's motion for summary judgment in the civil case, dismissing the case and entering judgment in favor of DTE Energy and DTE Electric. In October 2011, the EPA caused to be filed a Notice of Appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. In March 2013, the Court of Appeals remanded the case to the U.S. District Court for review of the procedural component of the New Source Review notification requirements. In September 2013, the EPA caused to be filed a motion seeking leave to amend their complaint regarding the June 2010 NOV/FOV adding additional claims related to outage work performed at the Trenton Channel and Belle River power plants as well as additional claims related to work performed at the Monroe Power Plant. In addition, the Sierra Club caused to be filed a motion to add a claim regarding the River Rouge Power Plant. In March 2014, the U.S. District Court judge granted again DTE Energy's motion for summary judgment dismissing the civil case related to Monroe Unit 2. In April 2014, the U.S. District Court judge granted motions filed by the EPA and the Sierra Club to amend their New Source Review complaint adding additional claims for Monroe Units 1, 2 and 3, Belle River Units 1 and 2, Trenton Channel Unit 9 and denied the claims related to River Rouge Power Plant that were brought by the Sierra Club. In June 2014, the EPA filed a motion requesting certification for appeal of the March 2014 summary judgment decision. In October 2014, the EPA and the U.S. Department of Justice filed the anticipated notice of appeal of the U.S. District Court judge's dismissal of the Monroe Unit 2 case. The amended New Source Review claims are all stayed until the appeal is resolved by the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Oral arguments for the appeal are scheduled for December 2015.

The Registrants believe that the plants and generating units identified by the EPA and the Sierra Club have complied with all applicable federal environmental regulations. Depending upon the outcome of discussions with the EPA regarding the two NOV/FOVs, DTE Electric could be required to install additional pollution control equipment at some or all of the power plants in question, implement early retirement of facilities where control equipment is not economical, engage in supplemental environmental programs, and/or pay fines. The Registrants cannot predict the financial impact or outcome of this matter, or the timing of its resolution.

To comply with air pollution requirements, DTE Electric spent approximately \$2.2 billion through 2014. DTE Electric estimates making capital expenditures of approximately \$100 million in 2015 and approximately \$50 million of additional capital expenditures in 2016 based on current regulations.

Water — In response to an EPA regulation, DTE Electric would be required to examine alternatives for reducing the environmental impacts of the cooling water intake structures at several of its facilities. Based on the results of completed studies and expected future studies, DTE Electric may be required to install technologies to reduce the impacts of the water intake structures. A final rule was issued in May 2014. The final rule specifies a time period

exceeding three years to complete studies to determine the type of technology needed to reduce impacts to fish. Final compliance for the installation of any required technology will be determined by each state on a case by case basis. DTE Electric is currently evaluating the compliance options and working with the State of Michigan on evaluating whether any controls are needed. These evaluations/studies may require modifications to some existing intake structures. It is not possible to quantify the impact of this rulemaking at this time.

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In April 2013, the EPA proposed revised steam electric effluent guidelines regulating wastewater streams from coal-fired power plants including multiple possible options for compliance. The rules were finalized on September 30, 2015 and are expected to be effective by the end of 2015. It is not possible at this time to quantify the impacts of the final rules.

**Contaminated and Other Sites** — Prior to the construction of major interstate natural gas pipelines, gas for heating and other uses was manufactured locally from processes involving coal, coke or oil. The facilities, which produced gas, have been designated as MGP sites. DTE Electric conducted remedial investigations at contaminated sites, including three former MGP sites. The investigations have revealed contamination related to the by-products of gas manufacturing at each MGP site. In addition to the MGP sites, DTE Electric is also in the process of cleaning up other contaminated sites, including the area surrounding an ash landfill, electrical distribution substations, electric generating power plants, and underground and aboveground storage tank locations. The findings of these investigations indicated that the estimated cost to remediate these sites is expected to be incurred over the next several years. At September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, DTE Electric had \$9 million and \$10 million accrued for remediation, respectively. Any change in assumptions, such as remediation techniques, nature and extent of contamination and regulatory requirements, could impact the estimate of remedial action costs for the sites and affect DTE Electric's financial position and cash flows. DTE Electric believes the likelihood of a material change to the accrued amount is remote based on current knowledge of the conditions at each site.

**Coal Combustion Residual Rule** — In April 2015, the EPA published a final rule for the disposal of coal combustion residuals, commonly known as coal ash. The rule becomes effective in October 2015. The rule is based on the continued listing of coal ash as a non-hazardous waste and relies on various self-implementation design and performance standards. DTE Electric owns and operates three permitted engineered coal ash storage facilities to dispose of coal ash from coal-fired power plants and operates a number of smaller impoundments at its power plants. At certain facilities, the rule requires the installation of monitoring wells, compliance with groundwater standards and the closure of basins at the end of the useful life of the associated power plant. At other facilities, the rule requires ash laden waters be moved from earthen basins to steel and concrete tanks. Costs associated with the building of new facilities over the next seven years are estimated to be approximately \$190 million. See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Asset Retirement Obligations", for estimated costs of closure of old facilities.

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**Contaminated and Other Sites** — DTE Gas owns or previously owned, 14 former MGP sites. Investigations have revealed contamination related to the by-products of gas manufacturing at each site. Cleanup of five of the MGP sites is complete and the sites are closed. DTE Gas has also completed partial closure of two additional sites. Cleanup activities associated with the remaining sites will continue over the next several years. The MPSC has established a cost deferral and rate recovery mechanism for investigation and remediation costs incurred at former MGP sites. In addition to the MGP sites, DTE Gas is also in the process of cleaning up other contaminated sites, including gate stations, gas pipeline releases and underground storage tank locations. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, DTE Gas had \$23 million and \$24 million accrued for remediation, respectively. Any change in assumptions, such as remediation techniques, nature and extent of contamination and regulatory requirements, could impact the estimate of remedial action costs for the sites and affect DTE Gas's financial position and cash flows. DTE Gas anticipates the cost amortization methodology approved by the MPSC, which allows for amortization of the MGP costs over a ten-year period beginning with the year subsequent to the year the MGP costs were incurred, will prevent environmental costs from having a material adverse impact on DTE Gas's results of operations.

#### Non-utility

DTE Energy's non-utility businesses are subject to a number of environmental laws and regulations dealing with the protection of the environment from various pollutants.

The Michigan coke battery facility received and responded to information requests from the EPA that resulted in the issuance of a NOV in June 2007 alleging potential maximum achievable control technologies and new source review violations. The EPA is in the process of reviewing DTE Energy's position of demonstrated compliance and has not



initiated escalated enforcement. At this time, DTE Energy cannot predict the impact of this issue. Furthermore, the Michigan coke battery facility is the subject of an investigation by the MDEQ concerning visible emissions readings that resulted from DTE Energy self reporting to MDEQ questionable activities by an employee of a contractor hired by DTE Energy to perform the visible emissions readings. At this time, DTE Energy cannot predict the impact of this investigation.

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DTE Energy received two NOV's from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) in 2010 alleging violations of the permit for the Pennsylvania coke battery facility in connection with coal pile storm water runoff. DTE Energy settled the alleged violations by implementing best management practices to address the issues and repair/upgrade their wastewater treatment plant. DTE Energy received a construction permit to upgrade its existing waste water treatment system and is currently seeking a permit from the PADEP to further upgrade its wastewater treatment technology to biological treatment. DTE Energy spent approximately \$1 million on the existing waste water treatment system to comply with existing water discharge requirements and to upgrade its coal pile storm water runoff management program. DTE Energy expects to also spend up to an additional \$15 million over the next few years to complete its upgrade of the treatment technology to biological treatment in order to meet future regulatory requirements and gain other operational improvement savings.

DTE Energy received an NOV from the Allegheny County (PA) Health Department pertaining to excessive opacity readings from fugitive sources in excess of its standards for the Pennsylvania coke battery facility. Fugitive sources at the plant are in full compliance with the applicable Federal Opacity Standards. DTE Energy agreed to a Consent Order and Agreement with Allegheny County pursuant to which DTE Energy paid a fine of \$300,000 and will spend \$300,000 for a supplemental environmental project. In May 2014, the Group Against Smog & Pollution (GASP) filed a complaint alleging that DTE Energy's coke battery facility in Pennsylvania was in violation of visible emissions limits under the Federal Clean Air Act and/or Article XXI of the Allegheny County (PA) Health Department's Rules and Regulations. DTE Energy believed that the GASP suit was without merit and filed a motion to dismiss in July 2014. In March 2015, the U.S. District Court granted DTE Energy's motion for dismissal. In April 2015, GASP filed a notice of appeal. At the present time, DTE Energy cannot predict the financial impact or outcome of this matter, or the timing of its resolution.

#### Other

In 2010, the EPA finalized a new 1-hour sulfur dioxide ambient air quality standard that requires states to submit plans for non-attainment areas to be in compliance by 2018. Michigan's non-attainment area includes DTE Energy facilities in southwest Detroit and areas of Wayne County. Modeling runs by the MDEQ suggest that emission reductions may be required by significant sources of sulfur dioxide emissions in these areas, including DTE Electric power plants and DTE Energy's Michigan coke battery facility. As part of the state implementation plan process, DTE Energy has worked with MDEQ to develop air permits reflecting significant SO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions that, in combination with other non-DTE Energy sources emission reduction strategies, will help the State attain the standard and sustain its attainment. Since several non-DTE Energy sources are also part of the proposed compliance plan, DTE Energy is unable to determine the full impact of the final required emissions reductions at this time.

#### Nuclear Operations

##### Property Insurance

DTE Electric maintains property insurance policies specifically for the Fermi 2 plant. These policies cover such items as replacement power and property damage. NEIL is the primary supplier of the insurance policies.

DTE Electric maintains a policy for extra expenses, including replacement power costs necessitated by Fermi 2's unavailability due to an insured event. This policy has a 12-week waiting period and provides an aggregate \$490 million of coverage over a three-year period.

DTE Electric has \$1.5 billion in primary coverage and \$1.25 billion of excess coverage for stabilization, decontamination, debris removal, repair and/or replacement of property and decommissioning. The combined coverage limit for total property damage is \$2.75 billion. The total limit for property damage for non-nuclear events is \$2 billion and an aggregate of \$328 million of coverage for extra expenses over a two-year period.

On January 13, 2015, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 was signed, extending TRIA through December 31, 2020. For multiple terrorism losses caused by acts of terrorism not covered under the TRIA occurring within one year after the first loss from terrorism, the NEIL policies would make available to all insured entities up to \$3.2 billion, plus any amounts recovered from reinsurance, government indemnity, or other sources to cover losses.

Under NEIL policies, DTE Electric could be liable for maximum assessments of up to approximately \$46 million per event if the loss associated with any one event at any nuclear plant should exceed the accumulated funds available to NEIL.

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#### Public Liability Insurance

As required by federal law, DTE Electric maintains \$375 million of public liability insurance for a nuclear incident. For liabilities arising from a terrorist act outside the scope of TRIA, the policy is subject to one industry aggregate limit of \$300 million. Further, under the Price-Anderson Amendments Act of 2005, deferred premium charges up to \$127 million could be levied against each licensed nuclear facility, but not more than \$19 million per year per facility. Thus, deferred premium charges could be levied against all owners of licensed nuclear facilities in the event of a nuclear incident at any of these facilities.

#### Nuclear Fuel Disposal Costs

In accordance with the Federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, DTE Electric has a contract with the DOE for the future storage and disposal of spent nuclear fuel from Fermi 2 that required DTE Electric to pay the DOE a fee of 1 mill per kWh of Fermi 2 electricity generated and sold. The fee was a component of nuclear fuel expense. The DOE's Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository program for the acceptance and disposal of spent nuclear fuel was terminated in 2011. DTE Electric is a party in the litigation against the DOE for both past and future costs associated with the DOE's failure to accept spent nuclear fuel under the timetable set forth in the Federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. In July 2012, DTE Electric executed a settlement agreement with the federal government for costs associated with the DOE's delay in acceptance of spent nuclear fuel from Fermi 2 for permanent storage. The settlement agreement, including extensions, provides for a claims process and payment of delay-related costs experienced by DTE Electric through 2016. DTE Electric's claims are being settled and paid on a timely basis. The settlement proceeds reduce the cost of the dry cask storage facility assets and provide reimbursement for related operating expenses. The 1 mill per kWh DOE fee was reduced to zero effective May 16, 2014.

DTE Electric currently employs a spent nuclear fuel storage strategy utilizing a fuel pool and a newly completed dry cask storage facility. The dry cask storage facility is expected to provide sufficient spent fuel storage capability for the life of the plant as defined by the original operating license.

The federal government continues to maintain its legal obligation to accept spent nuclear fuel from Fermi 2 for permanent storage. Issues relating to long-term waste disposal policy and to the disposition of funds contributed by DTE Electric ratepayers to the federal waste fund await future governmental action.

#### Synthetic Fuel Guarantees

DTE Energy discontinued the operations of its synthetic fuel production facilities throughout the United States as of December 31, 2007. DTE Energy provided certain guarantees and indemnities in conjunction with the sales of interests in its synfuel facilities. The guarantees cover potential commercial, environmental, oil price and tax-related obligations and will survive until 90 days after expiration of all applicable statutes of limitations. DTE Energy estimates that its maximum potential liability under these guarantees at September 30, 2015 is approximately \$850 million. Payment under these guarantees is considered remote.

#### REF Guarantees

DTE Energy has provided certain guarantees and indemnities in conjunction with the sales of interests in or lease of its REF facilities. The guarantees cover potential commercial, environmental, and tax-related obligations and will survive until 90 days after expiration of all applicable statutes of limitations. DTE Energy estimates that its maximum potential liability under these guarantees at September 30, 2015 is approximately \$238 million. Payment under these guarantees is considered remote.

#### Other Guarantees

In certain limited circumstances, the Registrants enter into contractual guarantees. The Registrants may guarantee another entity's obligation in the event it fails to perform and may provide guarantees in certain indemnification agreements. Finally, the Registrants may provide indirect guarantees for the indebtedness of others. DTE Energy's guarantees are not individually material with maximum potential payments totaling \$66 million at September 30, 2015. Payment under these guarantees is considered remote.



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DTE Energy is periodically required to obtain performance surety bonds in support of obligations to various governmental entities and other companies in connection with its operations. As of September 30, 2015, DTE Energy had approximately \$49 million of performance bonds outstanding. In the event that such bonds are called for nonperformance, DTE Energy would be obligated to reimburse the issuer of the performance bond. DTE Energy is released from the performance bonds as the contractual performance is completed and does not believe that a material amount of any currently outstanding performance bonds will be called.

Labor Contracts

There are several bargaining units for DTE Energy's approximately 4,900 represented employees, including DTE Electric's approximately 2,600 represented employees. The majority of the represented employees are under contracts that expire in 2016 and 2017.

Purchase Commitments

As of September 30, 2015, the Registrants were party to numerous long-term purchase commitments relating to a variety of goods and services required for their businesses. These agreements primarily consist of fuel supply commitments and renewable energy contracts for the Registrants, as well as energy trading contracts for DTE Energy. DTE Energy estimates that these commitments will be approximately \$7.4 billion from 2015 through 2051. DTE Electric estimates that these commitments will be approximately \$2.2 billion from 2015 through 2033. In addition, the Registrants have made certain commitments in connection with 2015 annual capital expenditures and contributions to equity method investees that are expected to be up to \$2.5 billion for DTE Energy and \$1.8 billion for DTE Electric.

Bankruptcies

Certain of the Registrants' customers and suppliers have filed for bankruptcy protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The Registrants regularly review contingent matters relating to these customers and suppliers and their purchase and sale contracts and record provisions for amounts considered at risk of probable loss. The Registrants believe their accrued amounts are adequate for probable loss.

Michigan Sales and Use Tax Litigation

In 2010, the Michigan Department of Treasury finalized a sales and use tax audit of DTE Electric for the period from January 2003 to September 2006. It determined that DTE Electric's electric distribution equipment was not eligible for an industrial-processing exemption and therefore was subject to the use tax. DTE Electric paid the tax for the period under audit and filed a claim in the Michigan Court of Claims disputing the tax determination. DTE Electric has continued to apply the industrial-processing exemption for the years subsequent to 2006.

The Michigan Court of Claims found in favor of DTE Electric, and that determination was subsequently appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court. In July 2015, the Michigan Supreme Court issued an opinion finding that DTE Electric was eligible for a partial industrial-processing exemption on its electric distribution equipment based on the proportion of exempt use of that equipment. The Supreme Court reversed the lower court decision in part and remanded the case to the Michigan Court of Claims. DTE Electric expects this issue and the timing of any potential tax refunds or assessments to be resolved not later than 2016. DTE Electric considers the likelihood of a material unfavorable outcome to be remote.

Other Contingencies

The Registrants are involved in certain other legal, regulatory, administrative, and environmental proceedings before various courts, arbitration panels and governmental agencies concerning claims arising in the ordinary course of business. These proceedings include certain contract disputes, additional environmental reviews and investigations, audits, inquiries from various regulators, and pending judicial matters. The Registrants cannot predict the final disposition of such proceedings. The Registrants regularly review legal matters and record provisions for claims that they can estimate and are considered probable of loss. The resolution of these pending proceedings is not expected to have a material effect on the Registrants' operations or financial statements in the periods they are resolved.

For a discussion of contingencies related to regulatory matters and derivatives see Notes 6 and 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Regulatory Matters" and "Financial and Other Derivative Instruments", respectively.



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NOTE 13 — RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND TRUSTEED ASSETS

The following table details the components of net periodic benefit costs for pension benefits and other postretirement benefits for DTE Energy:

	Pension Benefits		Other Postretirement Benefits	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Three Months Ended September 30,	(In millions)			
Service cost	\$27	\$19	\$8	\$8
Interest cost	52	54	20	22
Expected return on plan assets	(74	) (69	) (33	) (31
Amortization of:				
Net actuarial loss	51	42	10	4
Prior service credit	—	—	(31	) (36
Net periodic benefit cost (credit)	\$56	\$46	\$(26	) \$(33
	Pension Benefits		Other Postretirement Benefits	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Nine Months Ended September 30,	(In millions)			
Service cost	\$76	\$62	\$25	\$26
Interest cost	158	159	61	67
Expected return on plan assets	(222	) (205	) (98	) (92
Amortization of:				
Net actuarial loss	154	118	32	15
Prior service credit	—	—	(94	) (108
Net periodic benefit cost (credit)	\$166	\$134	\$(74	) \$(92

The following table details the components of net periodic benefit costs for pension benefits and other postretirement benefits for DTE Electric:

	Pension Benefits		Other Postretirement Benefits	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Three Months Ended September 30,	(In millions)			
Service cost	\$21	\$14	\$6	\$6
Interest cost	39	41	15	17
Expected return on plan assets	(53	) (48	) (23	) (21
Amortization of:				
Net actuarial loss	36	30	8	3
Prior service credit	—	—	(24	) (27
Net periodic benefit cost (credit)	\$43	\$37	\$(18	) \$(22
	Pension Benefits		Other Postretirement Benefits	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Nine Months Ended September 30,	(In millions)			
Service cost	\$59	\$48	\$19	\$19
Interest cost	120	121	46	51
Expected return on plan assets	(158	) (145	) (68	) (63
Amortization of:				
Net actuarial loss	110	83	24	11
Prior service cost (credit)	1	1	(71	) (82
Net periodic benefit cost (credit)	\$132	\$108	\$(50	) \$(64





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Pension and Other Postretirement Contributions

During the first nine months of 2015, DTE Energy made cash contributions of \$175 million, including contributions from DTE Electric of \$145 million, to its pension plans.

During 2015, DTE Energy contributed the following amounts of DTE Energy common stock to the DTE Energy Company Master VEBA Trust for funding its other postretirement benefit plans:

Date	Number of Shares	Price per Share	Amount (In millions)
February 17, 2015	1,427,835	\$81.91	\$117
			\$117

The above contribution was made on behalf of DTE Electric, who paid DTE Energy cash consideration of \$117 million in February 2015.

During 2015, DTE Energy also made cash contributions of \$24 million, through contributions from DTE Gas, to the Master VEBA Trust for its other postretirement benefit plans. At the discretion of management, DTE Energy may make up to \$60 million of additional contributions from DTE Electric to its other postretirement benefit plans in 2015.

Plan Changes

In 2015, certain executive retirement benefit plans were amended to transfer the obligation for benefits as attributed to DTE Energy Corporate Services, LLC (LLC), a subsidiary of DTE Energy. The related plan liabilities were transferred from DTE Electric and DTE Gas to LLC. The related Rabbi Trust assets were also transferred to DTE Energy from DTE Electric.

NOTE 14 — STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The following table summarizes the components of stock-based compensation for DTE Energy:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Stock-based compensation expense	\$12	\$22	\$32	\$72
Tax benefit	\$5	\$8	\$13	\$27
Stock-based compensation cost capitalized in Property, plant, and equipment	\$2	\$4	\$5	\$11

Stock Options

The following table summarizes DTE Energy's stock option activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In millions)
Options outstanding at December 31, 2014	444,278	\$43.56	
Exercised	(178,017)	) \$45.07	
Forfeited or expired	(3,979)	) \$44.72	
Options outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2015	262,282	\$42.52	\$9

As of September 30, 2015, the weighted average remaining contractual life for the exercisable shares is 3.05 years. As of September 30, 2015, all options were vested.

The intrinsic value of options exercised for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$7 million for both periods. No option expense was recognized for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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Restricted Stock Awards

The following table summarizes DTE Energy's restricted stock awards activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Restricted Stock	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Balance at December 31, 2014	416,318	\$62.82
Grants	143,800	\$83.44
Forfeitures	(8,975)	) \$73.62
Vested and issued	(158,920)	) \$55.36
Balance at September 30, 2015	392,223	\$73.15

Performance Share Awards

Performance shares awarded under the plan are for a specified number of shares of DTE Energy common stock that entitle the holder to receive a cash payment, shares of DTE Energy common stock or a combination thereof. The final value of the award is determined by the achievement of certain performance objectives and market conditions. The awards vest at the end of a specified period, usually three years. Awards granted in 2014 and 2015 were primarily deemed to be equity awards. The DTE Energy stock price and number of probable shares attributable to market conditions for such equity awards are fair valued only at the grant date. Performance shares awarded prior to 2014 are liability awards and are remeasured to fair value at each reporting period.

The following table summarizes DTE Energy's performance share activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Performance Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Balance at December 31, 2014	1,554,697	\$69.32
Grants	454,654	\$83.86
Forfeitures	(37,112)	) \$75.90
Payouts	(532,700)	) \$—
Balance at September 30, 2015	1,439,539	\$75.80

Unrecognized Compensation Costs

As of September 30, 2015, DTE Energy had \$60 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock incentive plan arrangements. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.23 years.

Allocated Stock-Based Compensation

DTE Electric received an allocation of costs from DTE Energy associated with stock-based compensation of \$7 million and \$14 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively while such allocation was \$20 million and \$43 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

NOTE 15 — SEGMENT AND RELATED INFORMATION

DTE Energy sets strategic goals, allocates resources, and evaluates performance based on the following structure: Electric segment consists principally of DTE Electric, which is engaged in the generation, purchase, distribution, and sale of electricity to approximately 2.1 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in southeastern Michigan.

Gas segment consists principally of DTE Gas, which is engaged in the purchase, storage, transportation, distribution, and sale of natural gas to approximately 1.2 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers throughout

Michigan and the sale of storage and transportation capacity.

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Gas Storage and Pipelines consists of natural gas pipeline, gathering, and storage businesses.

Power and Industrial Projects is comprised primarily of projects that deliver energy and utility-type products and services to industrial, commercial, and institutional customers; produce REF; and sell electricity from renewable energy projects.

Energy Trading consists of energy marketing and trading operations.

Corporate and Other includes various holding company activities and holds certain non-utility debt and energy-related investments.

The federal income tax provisions or benefits of DTE Energy's subsidiaries are determined on an individual company basis and recognize the tax benefit of tax credits and net operating losses, if applicable. The state and local income tax provisions of the utility subsidiaries are determined on an individual company basis and recognize the tax benefit of various tax credits and net operating losses, if applicable. The subsidiaries record federal, state, and local income taxes payable to or receivable from DTE Energy based on the federal, state, and local tax provisions of each company.

Inter-segment billing for goods and services exchanged between segments is based upon tariffed or market-based prices of the provider and primarily consists of the sale of reduced emissions fuel, power sales, and natural gas sales in the following segments:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended September	
	September 30, 2015	2014	30, 2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Inter-segment Revenues				
Electric	\$9	\$8	\$27	\$22
Gas	1	1	2	5
Gas Storage and Pipelines	1	1	7	9
Power and Industrial Projects	204	211	599	593
Energy Trading	7	8	23	24
Corporate and Other	1	1	2	2
	\$223	\$230	\$660	\$655

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Financial data of the DTE Energy business segments follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended September	
	September 30,		30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Operating Revenues				
Electric	\$1,386	\$1,358	\$3,737	\$4,049
Gas	153	149	1,018	1,182
Gas Storage and Pipelines	61	49	175	146
Power and Industrial Projects	585	605	1,708	1,703
Energy Trading	635	664	1,870	2,797
Corporate and Other	1	—	2	1
Reconciliation and Eliminations	(223	) (230	) (660	) (655
Total	\$2,598	\$2,595	\$7,850	\$9,223
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to DTE Energy by Segment:				
Electric	\$214	\$135	\$449	\$400
Gas	(11	) (16	) 93	109
Gas Storage and Pipelines	27	20	79	59
Power and Industrial Projects	32	38	73	66
Energy Trading	12	(22	) —	6
Corporate and Other	(9	) 1	(47	) (34
Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$265	\$156	\$647	\$606

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following combined discussion is separately filed by DTE Energy and DTE Electric. However, DTE Electric does not make any representation as to information related solely to DTE Energy or the subsidiaries of DTE Energy other than itself.

OVERVIEW

DTE Energy is a diversified energy company and is the parent company of DTE Electric and DTE Gas, regulated electric and natural gas utilities engaged primarily in the business of providing electricity and natural gas sales, distribution, and storage services throughout Michigan. DTE Energy operates three energy-related non-utility segments with operations throughout the United States.

Net Income attributable to DTE Energy in the third quarter of 2015 was \$265 million, or \$1.47 per diluted share, compared to Net Income attributable to DTE Energy of \$156 million, or \$0.88 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2014. Net Income attributable to DTE Energy in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$647 million, or \$3.61 per diluted share, compared to Net Income attributable to DTE Energy of \$606 million, or \$3.42 per diluted share, in the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The increase in Net Income in the third quarter is primarily due to increased earnings in the Electric and Energy Trading segments. The increase in Net Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 is primarily due to increased earnings in the Electric and Gas Storage and Pipelines segments, partially offset by decreased earnings in the Gas segment.

Please see detailed explanations of segment performance in the following Results of Operations section.

DTE Energy's strategy is to achieve long-term earnings growth, a strong balance sheet, and an attractive dividend yield.

DTE Energy's utilities' growth will be driven by base infrastructure, new generation, and environmental compliance capital investments. DTE Energy is focused on executing plans to achieve operational excellence and customer satisfaction with a focus on customer affordability. DTE Energy operates in a constructive regulatory environment and has solid relationships with its regulators.

DTE Energy has significant investments in non-utility businesses. DTE Energy employs disciplined investment criteria when assessing growth opportunities that leverage its assets, skills, and expertise and provides diversity in earnings and geography. Specifically, DTE Energy invests in targeted energy markets with attractive competitive dynamics where meaningful scale is in alignment with its risk profile. DTE Energy expects growth opportunities in the Gas Storage and Pipelines and Power and Industrial Projects segments.

A key priority for DTE Energy is to maintain a strong balance sheet which facilitates access to capital markets and reasonably priced short-term and long-term financing. Near-term growth will be funded through internally generated cash flows and the issuance of debt. DTE Energy has an enterprise risk management program that, among other things, is designed to monitor and manage exposure to earnings and cash flow volatility related to commodity price changes, interest rates, and counterparty credit risk.

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

DTE Energy's utility businesses require significant capital investments to maintain and improve the electric generation and electric and natural gas distribution infrastructure and to comply with environmental regulations and renewable energy requirements.

DTE Electric's capital investments over the 2016-2020 period are estimated at \$8.2 billion comprised of \$3.8 billion for maintenance and other projects, \$3.2 billion for distribution infrastructure, and \$1.2 billion for new generation.

Over the next fifteen years, DTE Electric plans to retire a portion of its coal-fired generation and to increase the proportion of its generation mix attributable to natural gas-fired generation and renewables. DTE Electric has acquired two natural gas facilities in 2015, as described in Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Acquisitions".

DTE Electric plans to seek regulatory approval in general rate case filings and renewable energy plan filings for capital expenditures consistent with prior ratemaking treatment.

DTE Gas's capital investments over the 2016-2020 period are estimated at \$1.6 billion comprised of \$750 million for base infrastructure, \$650 million for gas main renewal, meter move out, and pipeline integrity programs, and \$200 million for expenditures related to the NEXUS pipeline. In April 2013, the MPSC issued an order approving an infrastructure recovery mechanism for DTE Gas and authorized the recovery of the cost of service related to \$77 million of annual investment in its gas main renewal, meter move out, and pipeline integrity programs. In November 2014, DTE Gas filed an application with the MPSC for approval of an increased infrastructure recovery mechanism surcharge to recover an additional \$47 million of annual capital expenditures for its gas main renewal program. DTE Gas plans to seek regulatory approval in general rate case filings for base infrastructure capital expenditures consistent with prior ratemaking treatment.

DTE Energy's non-utility businesses capital investments are primarily for expansion, growth, and ongoing maintenance. Gas Storage and Pipelines's capital investments over the 2016-2020 period are estimated at \$2.0 billion to \$2.6 billion for gathering and pipeline investments and expansions, including the NEXUS pipeline. Power and Industrial Projects's capital investments over the 2016-2020 period are estimated at \$600 million to \$900 million for investments in cogeneration and on-site energy projects.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The Registrants are subject to extensive environmental regulation. Additional costs may result as the effects of various substances on the environment are studied and governmental regulations are developed and implemented. Actual costs to comply could vary substantially. The Registrants expect to continue recovering environmental costs related to utility operations through rates charged to customers.

DTE Electric is subject to the EPA ozone and fine particulate transport and acid rain regulations that limit power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides. Since 2005, the EPA and the State of Michigan have issued additional emission reduction regulations relating to ozone, fine particulate, regional haze, mercury, and other air pollution. These rules will lead to additional emission controls on fossil-fueled power plants to reduce nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, acid gases, particulate matter, and mercury emissions. To comply with these requirements, DTE Electric spent approximately \$2.2 billion through 2014. It is estimated that DTE Electric will make capital expenditures of approximately \$100 million in 2015 and approximately \$50 million of additional capital expenditures in 2016 based on current regulations.

As directed by a June 2013 Presidential Memorandum, the EPA is implementing regulatory actions under the Clean Air Act to address emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) from the utility sector and other sectors of the economy. Among these actions, in August 2015, the EPA finalized performance standards for emissions of carbon dioxide from new and existing electric generating units (EGUs). The carbon performance standards, known as the Clean Power Plan (CPP), require states to meet emission reduction targets from existing fossil-fueled EGUs beginning in 2022. The EPA has finalized interim standards applicable from 2022 to 2029 leading to emission standards to be achieved in 2030. States must submit initial compliance plans in September 2016, but may request an extension to submit a final compliance plan by September 2018. States that fail to submit a plan or that do not meet EPA criteria for a complete plan will be subject to a federal plan that was proposed by the EPA with the final CPP.

The Registrants are working with the State of Michigan and other stakeholders to shape the CPP compliance plan for Michigan. The final carbon standards for new sources are not expected to have a material impact on the Registrants, since the Registrants have no plans to build new coal-fired generation. At the present time, it is not possible to determine the potential impact of the final performance standards for existing power plants due to the multitude of options available to states for compliance that require careful analysis and input from numerous stakeholders. Pending or future legislation or other regulatory actions could have a material impact on the Registrants' operations and financial position and the rates the Registrants charge its customers. Impacts include expenditures for environmental equipment beyond what is currently planned, financing costs related to additional capital expenditures, the purchase of emission credits from market sources, higher costs of purchased power, and the retirement of facilities where control equipment is not economical. The Registrants would seek to recover these incremental costs through increased rates charged to its utility customers as authorized by the MPSC.





Increased costs for energy produced from traditional coal-based sources due to recent, pending, and future regulatory initiatives, could also increase the economic viability of energy produced from renewable, natural gas-fired generation, and/or nuclear sources, of energy efficiency initiatives, and of the potential development of market-based trading of carbon instruments which could provide new business opportunities for DTE Energy's utility and non-utility segments. At the present time, it is not possible to quantify the financial impacts of these climate related regulatory initiatives on the Registrants or their customers.

For further discussion of environmental matters see Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Commitments and Contingencies".

#### OUTLOOK

The next few years will be a period of rapid change for DTE Energy and for the energy industry. DTE Energy's strong utility base, combined with its integrated non-utility operations, position it well for long-term growth.

Looking forward, DTE Energy will focus on several areas that are expected to improve future performance:

- electric and gas customer satisfaction;
- electric reliability;
- rate competitiveness and affordability;
- regulatory stability and investment recovery for the electric and gas utilities;
- growth of utility asset base;
- employee engagement;
- cost structure optimization across all business segments;
- cash, capital, and liquidity to maintain or improve financial strength; and
- investments that integrate assets and leverage skills and expertise.

DTE Energy will continue to pursue opportunities to grow its businesses in a disciplined manner if it can secure opportunities that meet its strategic, financial, and risk criteria.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following sections provide a detailed discussion of the operating performance and future outlook of DTE Energy's segments.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended September	
	September 30, 2015	2014	2015	2014
(In millions)				
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to DTE Energy by Segment:				
Electric	\$214	\$135	\$449	\$400
Gas	(11	) (16	) 93	109
Gas Storage and Pipelines	27	20	79	59
Power and Industrial Projects	32	38	73	66
Energy Trading	12	(22	) —	6
Corporate and Other	(9	) 1	(47	) (34
Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$265	\$156	\$647	\$606

## ELECTRIC

The Results of Operations discussion for DTE Electric is presented in a reduced disclosure format in accordance with General Instruction H(2) of Form 10-Q.

The Electric segment consists principally of DTE Electric. Results for Electric segment with a reconciliation to DTE Electric are discussed below:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended September	
	September 30,		30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Operating Revenues	\$1,386	\$1,358	\$3,737	\$4,049
Fuel and purchased power	441	430	1,212	1,328
Gross Margin	945	928	2,525	2,721
Operation and maintenance	333	352	969	1,023
Depreciation and amortization	142	239	465	699
Taxes other than income	73	67	214	203
Asset (gains) losses and impairments, net	—	—	—	(1 )
Operating Income	397	270	877	797
Other (Income) and Deductions	67	61	186	170
Income Tax Expense	116	74	242	227
Segment Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$214	\$135	\$449	\$400
Reconciliation of Segment Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company to DTE Electric Net Income	2	1	3	3
DTE Electric Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$216	\$136	\$452	\$403

See DTE Electric's Consolidated Statement of Operations for a complete view of its results.

Gross Margin increased \$17 million and decreased \$196 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. Revenues associated with certain mechanisms and surcharges are offset by related expenses elsewhere in the Registrants' Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The following table details changes in various gross margin components relative to the comparable prior period:

	Three Months	Nine Months
	(In millions)	
Securitization bond and tax surcharge	\$(126 )	\$(297 )
Base sales, inclusive of weather effect	79	54
PSCR disallowance	—	(19 )
July 2015 rate self-implementation	53	53
Regulatory mechanisms and other	11	13
Increase (decrease) in Electric segment gross margin	\$17	\$(196 )
Reconciliation of Electric segment gross margin to DTE Electric gross margin	—	(1 )
Decrease in DTE Electric gross margin	\$17	\$(197 )

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands of MWh)			
DTE Electric Sales				
Residential	4,511	3,932	11,687	11,362
Commercial	4,665	4,541	13,102	12,757
Industrial	2,277	2,710	7,275	7,765
Other	62	62	209	438
	11,515	11,245	32,273	32,322
Interconnection sales (a)	958	1,416	3,603	2,513
Total DTE Electric Sales	12,473	12,661	35,876	34,835
DTE Electric Deliveries				
Retail and wholesale	11,515	11,245	32,273	32,322
Electric retail access, including self generators (b)	1,263	1,334	3,749	3,838
Total DTE Electric Sales and Deliveries	12,778	12,579	36,022	36,160

(a) Represents power that is not distributed by DTE Electric.

(b) Represents deliveries for self generators who have purchased power from alternative energy suppliers to supplement their power requirements.

DTE Electric residential and commercial sales increased due primarily to favorable weather, while industrial sales decreased due primarily to lower steel customer load.

Operation and maintenance expense decreased \$19 million and \$54 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The decrease in the third quarter was due primarily to decreased restoration and line clearance expenses of \$32 million, partially offset by increased power plant generation expenses of \$10 million and increased employee benefits of \$4 million. The decrease in the nine month period was due primarily to decreased restoration and line clearance expenses of \$55 million and decreased power plant generation expenses of \$18 million, partially offset by \$19 million of expenses related to the transition of PLD customers to DTE Electric's distribution system effective July 1, 2014. The MPSC approved a TRM that provides for recovery of the deferred net incremental revenue requirement associated with the transition that is reflected in the Depreciation and amortization line in DTE Energy's and DTE Electric's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Depreciation and amortization expense decreased \$97 million and \$234 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The decrease in the third quarter was due primarily to a decrease in amortization of regulatory assets related to Securitization of \$114 million, partially offset by \$15 million of increased expenses due to an increased depreciable base and \$2 million associated with the TRM. The decrease in the nine month period was due primarily to a decrease in amortization of regulatory assets related to Securitization of \$269 million and \$17 million associated with the TRM, partially offset by \$52 million of increased expenses due to an increased depreciable base.

Other (Income) and Deductions increased \$6 million and \$16 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The increases were due primarily to higher interest expenses and lower investment earnings.

Outlook — DTE Electric will continue to move forward in its efforts to achieve operational excellence, sustained strong cash flows, and earn its authorized return on equity. DTE Electric expects that planned significant capital investments will result in earnings growth. Looking forward, additional factors may impact earnings such as weather, the outcome of regulatory proceedings, benefit plan design changes, investment returns and changes in discount rate assumptions in benefit plans and health care costs, uncertainty of legislative or regulatory actions regarding climate change and electric retail access, and effects of energy efficiency programs. DTE Electric residential and commercial sales have increased due primarily to improved economic activity and have been substantially offset by energy efficiency measures taken by our customers. DTE Electric expects to continue its efforts to improve productivity and decrease

costs while improving customer satisfaction with consideration of customer rate affordability.

On December 19, 2014, DTE Electric filed a rate case with the MPSC requesting an increase in base rates of \$370 million based on a projected twelve month period ending June 30, 2016. On July 1, 2015, DTE Electric realized a rate increase of \$230 million consisting of \$190 million of self-implemented base rate increase related to the December 19, 2014 rate request and \$40 million associated with the required elimination of a credit surcharge. A final order in this rate case is expected in December 2015.

## GAS

The Gas segment consists principally of DTE Gas. Gas results are discussed below:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Operating Revenues	\$153	\$149	\$1,018	\$1,182
Cost of gas	19	13	387	521
Gross Margin	134	136	631	661
Operation and maintenance	101	112	323	337
Depreciation and amortization	25	25	76	73
Taxes other than income	13	13	49	46
Operating Income (Loss)	(5	) (14	) 183	205
Other (Income) Deductions	13	11	38	34
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	(7	) (9	) 52	62
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$(11	) \$(16	) \$93	\$109

Gross Margin decreased \$2 million and \$30 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. Revenues associated with certain surcharges are offset by related expenses elsewhere in DTE Energy's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The following table details changes in various gross margin components relative to the comparable prior period:

	Three Months (In millions)		Nine Months	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Weather	\$(2	) \$(25	)	
Midstream storage and transportation revenues	(1	) (13	)	
Infrastructure recovery mechanism	3	9		
Other	(2	) (1	)	
Decrease in gross margin	\$(2	) \$(30	)	
	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Gas Markets (in Bcf)				
Gas sales	7	9	92	97
End user transportation	33	28	130	122
	40	37	222	219
Intermediate transportation	64	70	226	244
	104	107	448	463

Operation and maintenance expense decreased \$11 million and \$14 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The decrease in the third quarter was due primarily to decreased benefit expenses of \$6 million, decreased gas operations expenses of \$2 million, decreased transmission expenses of \$2 million and decreased energy optimization expenses of \$1 million. The decrease in the nine month period was due primarily to decreased gas operations expenses of \$9 million, decreased employee benefits expenses of \$7 million, decreased transmission expenses of \$4 million, decreased uncollectible expenses of \$2 million, partially offset by increased corporate administrative expenses of \$6 million and increased energy optimization expenses of \$2 million.

Outlook — DTE Gas will continue to move forward in its efforts to achieve operational excellence, sustained strong cash flows, and earn its authorized return on equity. DTE Gas expects that planned significant infrastructure capital investments will result in earnings growth. Looking forward, additional factors may impact earnings such as weather, the outcome of regulatory proceedings, benefit plan design changes, and investment returns and changes in discount rate assumptions in benefit plans and health care costs. DTE Gas expects to continue its efforts to improve

productivity and decrease costs while improving customer satisfaction with consideration of customer rate affordability.

## GAS STORAGE AND PIPELINES

The Gas Storage and Pipelines segment consists of the non-utility gas pipelines and storage businesses. Gas Storage and Pipelines results are discussed below:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Operating Revenues	\$61	\$49	\$175	\$146
Operation and maintenance	14	11	39	32
Depreciation and amortization	8	9	22	25
Taxes other than income	1	1	3	3
Operating Income	38	28	111	86
Other (Income) and Deductions	(8	) (6	) (22	) (14
Income Tax Expense	18	13	52	39
Net Income	28	21	81	61
Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	1	1	2	2
Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$27	\$20	\$79	\$59

Operating Revenues increased \$12 million and \$29 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The increases were due primarily to increased volumes on the Bluestone pipeline and Susquehanna gathering systems, partially offset by decreased gas storage revenues which were higher in early 2014 due to weather favorability.

Operation and maintenance expenses increased \$3 million and \$7 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The increases were due primarily to increased activity on the Bluestone and Susquehanna projects and increased gas storage operations expense.

Other (Income) and Deductions increased \$8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase was due to increased earnings from pipeline investments. In 2014, the earnings from one pipeline investment were negatively impacted by a higher revenue deferral for depreciation collected in FERC-approved tariff rates in excess of depreciation expense.

Outlook — DTE Energy's Gas Storage and Pipelines business expects to maintain its steady growth by developing an asset portfolio with multiple growth platforms through investment in new projects and expansions. Gas Storage and Pipelines will continue to look for additional investment opportunities and other storage and pipeline projects at favorable prices. The capacity expansion of Bluestone lateral pipeline in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania and Broome County, New York, is progressing as planned. Expansion activities completed in 2015 include a second compressor facility and approximately six miles of additional pipeline loop to accommodate increased shipper demand. Through Gas Storage and Pipeline's long term agreement with Southwestern Energy Production Company, DTE Energy believes Bluestone lateral and Susquehanna gathering system are strategically positioned for future growth of the Marcellus shale.

Progress continues on preliminary development activities on the NEXUS pipeline, a transportation path to transport Appalachian Basin shale gas, including Utica and Marcellus shale gas, directly to consuming markets in northern Ohio, southeastern Michigan, and Dawn Ontario. DTE Energy owns a 50% partnership interest in the NEXUS pipeline. A FERC application is expected to be filed in the fourth quarter of 2015 with an estimated in service date in the fourth quarter of 2017.



## POWER AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

The Power and Industrial Projects segment is comprised primarily of projects that deliver energy and utility-type products and services to industrial, commercial, and institutional customers; produce REF, and sell electricity from renewable energy projects. Power and Industrial Projects results are discussed below:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended September	
	September 30,		30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Operating Revenues	\$585	\$605	\$1,708	\$1,703
Operation and maintenance	569	591	1,687	1,695
Depreciation and amortization	20	19	60	56
Taxes other than income	3	4	12	12
Asset (gains) losses and impairments, net	1	(3)	9	(10)
Operating Loss	(8)	(6)	(60)	(50)
Other (Income) and Deductions	(20)	(24)	(54)	(45)
Income Taxes				
Expense (Benefit)	5	8	(2)	(2)
Production Tax Credits	(23)	(29)	(71)	(72)
	(18)	(21)	(73)	(74)
Net Income	30	39	67	69
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	(2)	1	(6)	3
Net Income Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$32	\$38	\$73	\$66

Operating Revenues decreased \$20 million and increased \$5 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The decrease in the third quarter was due primarily to lower coal prices associated with the REF and steel businesses of \$18 million, and lower generation associated with renewable projects of \$3 million. The increase in the nine month period was due primarily to an increase in volumes from REF projects of \$32 million and higher price and volume related to landfill gas projects of \$6 million, partially offset by lower coal prices associated with the steel business of \$19 million and a decrease primarily due to lower natural gas prices and volumes associated with on-site energy projects of \$14 million.

Operation and maintenance expense decreased \$22 million and \$8 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The decrease in the third quarter was due primarily to lower coal prices associated with the REF and steel businesses of \$18 million, and lower fuel price and generation associated with renewable projects of \$5 million, partially offset by increased maintenance at the Michigan coke battery facility of \$4 million. The decrease in the nine month period was due primarily to lower coal prices of \$19 million and lower maintenance expenses of \$3 million associated with the steel business, lower natural gas prices and volumes associated with the on-site energy projects of \$16 million, and lower fuel price and generation associated with renewable projects of \$3 million, partially offset by an increase in volumes from REF projects of \$32 million.

Asset (gains) losses and impairments, net decreased by \$4 million and \$19 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The decrease in the third quarter was due primarily to the maturation of a steel-related installment sales contract. The decrease in the nine month period was due primarily to asset impairments resulting from contract terminations, partially offset by gains associated with the sale of landfill gas projects.

Other (Income) and Deductions decreased by \$4 million and increased by \$9 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The increase in the nine month period was due primarily to higher volumes of refined coal produced at REF sites with investors and higher equity earnings at various projects.

Production Tax Credits decreased by \$6 million and \$1 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, due primarily to the reduction of ownership interests in REF projects.



Outlook — Power and Industrial Projects has constructed and placed in service REF facilities at eight sites including facilities located at five third party owned coal-fired power plants. DTE Energy has sold membership interests in four of the facilities and entered into a lease arrangement in one facility. DTE Energy will continue to optimize these facilities by seeking investors or entering into lease arrangements for facilities operating at DTE Electric and other utility sites. DTE Energy agreed to relocate underutilized facilities to a third-party owned coal-fired power plant. The new site is expected to be operational in the fourth quarter of 2015. In addition, DTE Energy has entered into an agreement to operate an REF facility owned by an outside party located at a third-party owned coal-fired power plant. DTE Energy expects sustained production levels of metallurgical coke and pulverized coal supplied to steel industry customers for 2015. Substantially all of the metallurgical coke margin is maintained under long-term contracts. We are currently negotiating the extension of one of these contracts which expires at the end of 2015. A recent downturn in the steel industry in the United States will likely negatively impact the volume and pricing of metallurgical coke sales in 2016. The segment has five renewable power generation facilities in operation. One of these renewable facilities will be ceasing operations and closing the plant in the fourth quarter of 2015. On-site energy services will continue to be delivered in accordance with the terms of long-term contracts. DTE Energy will continue to look for additional investment opportunities and other energy projects at favorable prices.

Power and Industrial Projects will continue to leverage its extensive energy-related operating experience and project management capability to develop additional energy projects to serve energy intensive industrial customers.

#### ENERGY TRADING

Energy Trading focuses on physical and financial power and natural gas marketing and trading, structured transactions, enhancement of returns from DTE Energy's asset portfolio, and optimization of contracted natural gas pipeline transportation and storage, and generating capacity positions. Energy Trading also provides natural gas, power, and related services, which may include the management of associated storage and transportation contracts on the customers' behalf, and the supply or purchase of renewable energy credits to various customers. Energy Trading results are discussed below:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)			
Operating Revenues	\$635	\$664	\$1,870	\$2,797
Fuel, purchased power, and gas	597	679	1,813	2,728
Gross Margin	38	(15	) 57	69
Operation and maintenance	17	19	51	51
Depreciation and amortization	1	1	1	1
Taxes other than income	—	—	3	3
Operating Income (Loss)	20	(35	) 2	14
Other (Income) and Deductions	1	1	3	5
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	7	(14	) (1	) 3
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to DTE Energy Company	\$12	\$(22	) \$—	\$6

Operating Revenues and Fuel, purchased power, and gas were impacted by a decrease in gas prices, partially offset by an increase in volumes, primarily in Energy Trading's gas structured strategy in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Gross margin increased \$53 million and decreased \$12 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The increase in the third quarter was due to an increase in unrealized margins of \$60 million, partially offset by a decrease in realized margins of \$7 million. The increase in unrealized margins of \$60 million is due to favorable results of \$88 million, primarily in the gas structured, power full requirements, and gas storage strategies, partially offset by unfavorable results of \$28 million, primarily in the power and gas trading strategies. The decrease in realized margins of \$7 million is due to unfavorable results of \$25 million, primarily in the power full requirements strategy, partially offset by favorable results of \$18 million, primarily in the gas and power trading

strategies.

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The decrease in the nine month period was due to a decrease in realized margins of \$76 million, partially offset by an increase in unrealized margins of \$64 million. The decrease in realized margins of \$76 million is due to unfavorable results of \$155 million, primarily in the gas structured, and power trading strategies, partially offset by favorable results of \$79 million, primarily in the power full requirements strategy. The increase in unrealized margins of \$64 million is due to favorable results of \$69 million, primarily in the gas structured and gas transportation strategies, partially offset by unfavorable results of \$5 million, primarily in the gas trading strategy.

During the first quarter of 2015 we experienced slightly colder than normal weather conditions on average in the gas and power markets we serve, unlike the extreme weather conditions in the Midwest and Northeast we experienced in the first quarter of 2014. Consequently, this led to less favorable results in our gas asset optimization strategies due to lower gas prices as compared to 2014, partially offset by lower realized losses from our power full requirements strategy as compared to 2014.

Natural gas structured transactions typically involve a physical purchase or sale of natural gas in the future and/or natural gas basis financial instruments which are derivatives and a related non-derivative pipeline transportation contract. These gas structured transactions can result in significant earnings volatility as the derivative components are marked-to-market without revaluing the related non-derivative contracts. Included in the favorable unrealized results of \$88 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 are timing related gains and losses related to gas strategies of \$68 million. The timing related items of \$68 million include the variance of timing losses of \$40 million in the third quarter of 2014, and timing gains of \$28 million in the third quarter of 2015 which will reverse in future periods as the underlying contracts settle. Included in the unfavorable realized results of \$25 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 are timing related gains related to gas strategies of \$6 million recognized in previous years that reversed as the underlying contracts were settled.

Included in the unfavorable realized results of \$155 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 are timing related gains and losses related to gas strategies of \$91 million recognized in previous years that reversed as the underlying contracts settled. The timing related items of \$91 million are comprised of a reversal of timing related losses of \$58 million in 2014, and a reversal of timing gains of \$33 million in 2015. Included in the favorable unrealized results of \$69 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015, are timing related gains related to gas strategies of \$43 million. The timing related items of \$43 million are the variance of timing losses of \$50 million in 2014 and \$7 million in 2015 which will reverse in future periods as the underlying contracts settle.

Outlook — In the near-term, Energy Trading expects market conditions to remain challenging and the profitability of this segment may be impacted by the volatility in commodity prices and the uncertainty of impacts associated with financial reform, regulatory changes, and changes in operating rules of regional transmission organizations.

The Energy Trading portfolio includes financial instruments, physical commodity contracts, and natural gas inventory, as well as contracted natural gas pipeline transportation and storage and generation capacity positions. Energy Trading also provides natural gas, power, and related services, which may include the management of associated storage and transportation contracts on the customers' behalf, and the supply or purchase of renewable energy credits to various customers. Significant portions of the Energy Trading portfolio are economically hedged. Most financial instruments and physical power and natural gas contracts are deemed derivatives, whereas natural gas inventory, pipeline transportation, renewable energy credits, and storage assets are not derivatives. As a result, DTE Energy will experience earnings volatility as derivatives are marked-to-market without revaluing the underlying non-derivative contracts and assets. Energy Trading's strategy is to economically manage the price risk of these underlying non-derivative contracts and assets with futures, forwards, swaps, and options. This results in gains and losses that are recognized in different interim and annual accounting periods.

See Notes 8 and 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Fair Value" and "Financial and Other Derivative Instruments", respectively.

#### CORPORATE AND OTHER

Corporate and Other includes various holding company activities and holds certain non-utility debt and energy-related investments. The net loss of \$9 million and the net loss of \$47 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, represents an increase of \$10 million and an increase of \$13 million, respectively, from the net income of \$1 million and net loss of \$34 million in the comparable 2014 periods. The increased losses were primarily

due to income tax adjustments, higher interest costs, and higher benefit costs, partially offset, in the nine-month period, by lower deferred tax expense due to the impact of New York state income tax reform recorded in March 2014.

## CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

## Cash Requirements

DTE Energy uses cash to maintain and expand the electric and natural gas utilities and to grow the non-utility businesses, retire and pay interest on long-term debt, and pay dividends. DTE Energy believes it will have sufficient internal and external capital resources to fund anticipated capital and operating requirements. DTE Energy expects that cash from operations in 2015 will be approximately \$1.8 billion, comparable to the 2014 level. DTE Energy anticipates base level utility capital investments, environmental, renewable and energy optimization expenditures, expenditures for non-utility businesses, and contributions to equity method investees in 2015 of up to approximately \$2.5 billion. DTE Energy plans to seek regulatory approval to include utility capital expenditures in regulatory rate base consistent with prior treatment. Capital spending for growth of existing or new non-utility businesses will depend on the existence of opportunities that meet strict risk-return and value creation criteria.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
	(In millions)	
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash Flow From (Used For)		
Operating Activities:		
Net Income	\$643	\$610
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	625	855
Nuclear fuel amortization	40	33
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	(16	) (16
Deferred income taxes	251	244
Asset (gains) losses and impairments, net	9	(10
Working capital and other	(84	) (418
Net cash from operating activities	1,468	1,298
Investing Activities:		
Plant and equipment expenditures — utility	(1,239	) (1,295
Plant and equipment expenditures — non-utility	(162	) (207
Acquisition	(241	) —
Proceeds from sale of assets	16	36
Other	54	9
Net cash used for investing activities	(1,572	) (1,457
Financing Activities:		
Issuance of long-term debt, net of issuance costs	956	1,289
Redemption of long-term debt	(260	) (1,222
Short-term borrowings, net	(213	) 522
Issuance of common stock	9	—
Repurchase of common stock	—	(52
Dividends on common stock and other	(369	) (370
Net cash from financing activities	123	167
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$19	\$8

## Cash from Operating Activities

A majority of DTE Energy's operating cash flow is provided by the electric and natural gas utilities, which are significantly influenced by factors such as weather, electric retail access, regulatory deferrals, regulatory outcomes, economic conditions, changes in working capital, and operating costs.

Cash from operations in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 increased by \$170 million compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The operating cash flow comparison reflects an increase in cash from working capital items, partially offset by decreased Net Income after adjusting for non-cash and non-operating items (primarily

depreciation and amortization, nuclear fuel amortization, deferred income taxes, and asset impairments).

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#### Cash used for Investing Activities

Cash inflows associated with investing activities are primarily generated from the sale of assets, while cash outflows are the result of plant and equipment expenditures and acquisitions. In any given year, DTE Energy looks to realize cash from under-performing or non-strategic assets or matured fully valued assets.

Capital spending within the utility businesses is primarily to maintain and improve the electric generation and electric and natural gas distribution infrastructure, and to comply with environmental regulations and renewable energy requirements.

Capital spending within the non-utility businesses is primarily for ongoing maintenance, expansion, and growth. DTE Energy looks to make growth investments that meet strict criteria in terms of strategy, management skills, risks, and returns. All new investments are analyzed for their rates of return and cash payback on a risk adjusted basis. DTE Energy has been disciplined in how it deploys capital and will not make investments unless they meet the criteria. For new business lines, DTE Energy initially invests based on research and analysis. DTE Energy starts with a limited investment, evaluates the results, and either expands or exits the business based on those results. In any given year, the amount of growth capital will be determined by the underlying cash flows of DTE Energy with a clear understanding of any potential impact on its credit ratings.

Net cash used for investing activities increased by \$115 million in 2015 due to the acquisition described in Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Acquisitions", and decreased proceeds from the sale of assets, partially offset by decreased capital expenditures by the utility and non-utility businesses and the decrease in restricted cash for the redemption of Securitization bonds.

#### Cash from Financing Activities

DTE Energy relies on both short-term borrowing and long-term financing as a source of funding for capital requirements not satisfied by its operations.

DTE Energy's strategy is to have a targeted debt portfolio blend of fixed and variable interest rates and maturity. DTE Energy continually evaluates its leverage target, which is currently 50% to 53%, to ensure it is consistent with the objective of a strong investment grade debt rating.

Net cash from financing activities decreased by \$44 million in 2015 due primarily to decreased issuances of long-term debt, decreased short-term borrowings, and increased dividends on common stock, partially offset by decreased redemptions of long-term debt and decreased repurchases of common stock.

#### Outlook

DTE Energy expects cash flow from operations to increase over the long-term primarily as a result of growth from the utility and non-utility businesses. Growth in the utilities is expected to be driven primarily by capital spending to maintain and improve the electric generation and electric and natural gas distribution infrastructure and to comply with new and existing state and federal regulations that will result in additional environmental and renewable energy investments which will increase the base from which rates are determined. Non-utility growth is expected from additional investments primarily in the Gas Storage and Pipelines and Power and Industrial Projects segments.

DTE Energy may be impacted by the timing of collection or refund of various recovery and tracking mechanisms as a result of timing of MPSC orders. Energy prices are likely to be a source of volatility with regard to working capital requirements for the foreseeable future. DTE Energy continues its efforts to identify opportunities to improve cash flow through working capital initiatives and maintaining flexibility in the timing and extent of long-term capital projects.

DTE Energy has approximately \$470 million in long-term debt maturing in the next twelve months. The repayment of the debt is expected to be paid through internally generated funds or the issuance of long-term debt.

DTE Energy has approximately \$1.8 billion of available liquidity at September 30, 2015, consisting of cash and amounts available under unsecured revolving credit agreements.

During the first nine months of 2015, DTE Energy made cash contributions of \$175 million, including contributions from DTE Electric of \$145 million, to its pension plans.

During the first nine months of 2015, DTE Energy made cash contributions of \$24 million, through contributions from DTE Gas, to its other postretirement benefit plans. In February 2015, DTE Energy contributed approximately \$117 million of DTE Energy common stock to the DTE Energy Company Master VEBA Trust for its other postretirement benefit plans. The stock contribution was made on behalf of DTE Electric, who paid DTE Energy cash consideration of \$117 million. At the discretion of management, DTE Energy may make up to \$60 million of additional contributions from DTE Electric to its other postretirement benefit plans in 2015.

Various subsidiaries of DTE Energy have entered into contracts which contain ratings triggers and are guaranteed by DTE Energy. These contracts contain provisions which allow the counterparties to require that DTE Energy post cash or letters of credit as collateral in the event that DTE Energy's credit rating is downgraded below investment grade. Certain of these provisions (known as "hard triggers") state specific circumstances under which DTE Energy can be required to post collateral upon the occurrence of a credit downgrade, while other provisions (known as "soft triggers") are not as specific. For contracts with soft triggers, it is difficult to estimate the amount of collateral which may be requested by counterparties and/or which DTE Energy may ultimately be required to post. The amount of such collateral which could be requested fluctuates based on commodity prices (primarily natural gas, power, and coal) and the provisions and maturities of the underlying transactions. As of September 30, 2015, DTE Energy's contractual obligation to post collateral in the form of cash or letter of credit in the event of a downgrade to below investment grade, under both hard trigger and soft trigger provisions, was approximately \$420 million.

DTE Energy believes it will have sufficient operating flexibility, cash resources, and funding sources to maintain adequate amounts of liquidity and to meet future operating cash and capital expenditure needs. However, virtually all of DTE Energy's businesses are capital intensive, or require access to capital, and the inability to access adequate capital could adversely impact earnings and cash flows.

See Notes 6, 10, 11 and 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Regulatory Matters", "Long-Term Debt", "Short-Term Credit Arrangements and Borrowings", and "Commitments and Contingencies", respectively.

#### NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

See Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "New Accounting Pronouncements".

#### FAIR VALUE

Derivatives are generally recorded at fair value and shown as Derivative assets or liabilities. Contracts DTE Energy typically classifies as derivative instruments include power, natural gas, oil, and certain coal forwards, futures, options and swaps, and foreign currency exchange contracts. Items DTE Energy does not generally account for as derivatives include natural gas inventory, pipeline transportation contracts, renewable energy credits, and storage assets. See Notes 8 and 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Fair Value" and "Financial and Other Derivative Instruments", respectively.

The tables below do not include the expected earnings impact of non-derivative natural gas storage, transportation, certain power contracts, and renewable energy credits which are subject to accrual accounting. Consequently, gains and losses from these positions may not match with the related physical and financial hedging instruments in some reporting periods, resulting in volatility in the Registrants' reported period-by-period earnings; however, the financial impact of the timing differences will reverse at the time of physical delivery and/or settlement.

The Registrants manage their MTM risk on a portfolio basis based upon the delivery period of their contracts and the individual components of the risks within each contract. Accordingly, the Registrants record and manage the energy purchase and sale obligations under their contracts in separate components based on the commodity (e.g. electricity or natural gas), the product (e.g. electricity for delivery during peak or off-peak hours), the delivery location (e.g. by region), the risk profile (e.g. forward or option), and the delivery period (e.g. by month and year).

The Registrants have established a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value in three broad levels. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). For further discussion of the fair value hierarchy, see Note 8 to Consolidated Financial Statements, "Fair Value".



The following tables provide details on changes in the Registrants' MTM net asset (or liability) position for the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Total (In millions)
MTM at December 31, 2014	\$87
Reclassified to realized upon settlement	(38 )
Changes in fair value recorded to income	(8 )
Amounts recorded to unrealized income	(46 )
Changes in fair value recorded in regulatory liabilities	14
Change in collateral held by (for) others	1
Option premiums paid (received) and other	(1 )
MTM at September 30, 2015	\$55

The table below shows the maturity of the the Registrants' MTM positions. The positions from 2018 and beyond principally represent longer tenor gas structured transactions:

Source of Fair Value	2015	2016	2017	2018 and Beyond	Total Fair Value
	(In millions)				
Level 1	\$(8 )	\$(10 )	\$(12 )	\$1	\$(29 )
Level 2	8	25	3	5	41
Level 3	—	15	7	1	23
MTM before collateral adjustments	\$—	\$30	\$(2 )	\$7	35
Collateral adjustments					20
MTM at September 30, 2015					\$55

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Market Price Risk

The Electric and Gas businesses have commodity price risk, primarily related to the purchases of coal, natural gas, uranium, and electricity. However, the Registrants do not bear significant exposure to earnings risk as such changes are included in the PSCR and GCR regulatory rate-recovery mechanisms. In addition, changes in the price of natural gas can impact the valuation of lost and stolen gas, storage sales, and transportation services revenue at the Gas segment. The Gas segment manages its market price risk related to storage sales revenue primarily through the sale of long-term storage contracts. The Registrants are exposed to short-term cash flow or liquidity risk as a result of the time differential between actual cash settlements and regulatory rate recovery.

DTE Energy's Gas Storage and Pipelines business segment has exposure to natural gas price fluctuations which impact the pricing for natural gas storage and transportation. DTE Energy manages its exposure through the use of short, medium, and long-term storage and transportation contracts.

DTE Energy's Power and Industrial Projects business segment is subject to electricity and natural gas product price risk. DTE Energy manages its exposure to commodity price risk through the use of long-term contracts.

DTE Energy's Energy Trading business segment has exposure to electricity, natural gas, coal, crude oil, heating oil, and foreign currency exchange price fluctuations. These risks are managed by the energy marketing and trading operations through the use of forward energy, capacity, storage, options, and futures contracts, within pre-determined risk parameters.

Credit Risk

Bankruptcies

Certain of the Registrants' customers and suppliers have filed for bankruptcy protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The Registrants regularly review contingent matters relating to these customers and suppliers and their purchase and sale contracts and record provisions for amounts considered at risk of probable loss. The Registrants believe their accrued amounts are adequate for probable loss.

Trading Activities

DTE Energy is exposed to credit risk through trading activities. Credit risk is the potential loss that may result if the trading counterparties fail to meet their contractual obligations. DTE Energy utilizes both external and internal credit assessments when determining the credit quality of trading counterparties.

The following table displays the credit quality of DTE Energy's trading counterparties as of September 30, 2015:

	Credit Exposure Before Cash Collateral (In millions)	Cash Collateral	Net Credit Exposure
Investment Grade (a)			
A- and Greater	\$122	\$(1 )	\$121
BBB+ and BBB	264	—	264
BBB-	50	—	50
Total Investment Grade	436	(1 )	435
Non-investment grade (b)	3	—	3
Internally Rated — investment grade (c)	193	—	193
Internally Rated — non-investment grade (d)	13	(1 )	12
Total	\$645	\$(2 )	\$643

(a) This category includes counterparties with minimum credit ratings of Baa3 assigned by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) or BBB- assigned by Standard & Poor's Rating Group, a division of McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. (Standard & Poor's). The five largest counterparty exposures, combined, for this category represented approximately 24% of the total gross credit exposure.

(b) This category includes counterparties with credit ratings that are below investment grade. The five largest counterparty exposures, combined, for this category represented less than 1% of the total gross credit exposure.

(c) This category includes counterparties that have not been rated by Moody's or Standard & Poor's, but are considered investment grade based on DTE Energy's evaluation of the counterparty's creditworthiness. The five largest counterparty exposures, combined, for this category represented approximately 13% of the total gross credit exposure.

(d) This category includes counterparties that have not been rated by Moody's or Standard & Poor's, and are considered non-investment grade based on DTE Energy's evaluation of the counterparty's creditworthiness. The five largest counterparty exposures, combined, for this category represented approximately 2% of the total gross credit exposure.

#### Other

The Registrants engage in business with customers that are non-investment grade. The Registrants closely monitor the credit ratings of these customers and, when deemed necessary and permitted under our tariffs, request collateral or guarantees from such customers to secure their obligations.

#### Interest Rate Risk

DTE Energy is subject to interest rate risk in connection with the issuance of debt. In order to manage interest costs, DTE Energy may use treasury locks and interest rate swap agreements. DTE Energy's exposure to interest rate risk arises primarily from changes in U.S. Treasury rates, commercial paper rates and London Inter-Bank Offered Rates (LIBOR). As of September 30, 2015, DTE Energy had a floating rate debt-to-total debt ratio of approximately 0.1%.

#### Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

DTE Energy has foreign currency exchange risk arising from market price fluctuations associated with fixed priced contracts. These contracts are denominated in Canadian dollars and are primarily for the purchase and sale of natural gas and power as well as for long-term transportation capacity. To limit DTE Energy's exposure to foreign currency exchange fluctuations, DTE Energy has entered into a series of foreign currency exchange forward contracts through December 2019.

#### Summary of Sensitivity Analyses

The Registrants performed sensitivity analyses on the fair values of commodity contracts, long-term debt obligations, and foreign currency exchange forward contracts. The commodity contracts and foreign currency exchange risk listed below principally relate to energy marketing and trading activities. The sensitivity analysis involved increasing and

decreasing forward prices and rates at September 30, 2015 and 2014 by a hypothetical 10% and calculating the resulting change in the fair values.

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The results of the sensitivity analysis calculations as of September 30, 2015 and 2014:

Activity	Assuming a 10% Increase in Prices/Rates As of September 30,		Assuming a 10% Decrease in Prices/Rates As of September 30,		Change in the Fair Value of
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
	(In millions)				
Natural gas contracts	\$ (3 )	\$ (25 )	\$ 3	\$ 26	Commodity contracts
Electricity contracts	\$ 14	\$ (2 )	\$ (12 )	\$ 1	Commodity contracts
Oil contracts	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ (2 )	\$ —	Commodity contracts
Interest rate risk	\$ (371 )	\$ (327 )	\$ 395	\$ 346	Long-term debt

For further discussion of market risk, see Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Financial and Other Derivative Instruments".



Item 4. Controls and Procedures

DTE Energy

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

Management of DTE Energy carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of DTE Energy's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of DTE Energy's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of September 30, 2015, which is the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, DTE Energy's CEO and CFO have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures are effective in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by DTE Energy in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act (i) is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to DTE Energy's management, including its CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Due to the inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any disclosure controls and procedures, management cannot provide absolute assurance that the objectives of its disclosure controls and procedures will be attained.

(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There have been no changes in DTE Energy's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, DTE Energy's internal control over financial reporting.

DTE Electric

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

Management of DTE Electric carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of DTE Electric's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of DTE Electric's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of September 30, 2015, which is the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, DTE Electric's CEO and CFO have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures are effective in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by DTE Electric in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act (i) is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to DTE Electric's management, including its CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Due to the inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any disclosure controls and procedures, management cannot provide absolute assurance that the objectives of its disclosure controls and procedures will be attained.

(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There have been no changes in DTE Electric's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, DTE Electric's internal control over financial reporting.

## Part II — Other Information

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings

For more information on material legal proceedings and matters related to the Registrants, see Notes 6 and 12, to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Regulatory Matters" and "Commitments and Contingencies", respectively.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors

There are various risks associated with the operations of the Registrants' businesses. To provide a framework to understand the operating environment of the Registrants, a brief explanation of the more significant risks associated with the Registrants' businesses is provided in Part 1, Item 1A. Risk Factors in DTE Energy's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K and Part 1, Item 1A. Risk Factors in DTE Electric's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Although the Registrants have tried to identify and discuss key risk factors, others could emerge in the future.

## Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table provides information about DTE Energy purchases of equity securities that are registered by DTE Energy pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act of 1934 for the quarter ended September 30, 2015:

	Number of Shares Purchased (a)	Average Price Paid per Share (a)	Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Average Price Paid per Share	Maximum Dollar Value that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
07/01/2015 — 07/31/2015	1,889	\$74.86	—	—	—
08/01/2015 — 08/31/2015	—	\$—	—	—	—
09/01/2015 — 09/30/2015	2,299	\$72.63	—	—	—
Total	4,188		—		

(a) Represents shares of DTE Energy common stock withheld to satisfy income tax obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock based on the price in effect at the grant date.

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Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description	DTE Energy	DTE Electric
	(i) Exhibits filed herewith:		
4.292	Forty-Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 1, 2015 to Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of March 1, 1944 between DTE Gas Company and Citibank, N.A. (2015 First Mortgage Bonds Series C and D)	X	
12.64	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges		X
31.105	Chief Executive Officer Section 302 Form 10-Q Certification of Periodic Report	X	
31.106	Chief Financial Officer Section 302 Form 10-Q Certification of Periodic Report	X	
31.107	Chief Executive Officer Section 302 Form 10-Q Certification of Periodic Report		X
31.108	Chief Financial Officer Section 302 Form 10-Q Certification of Periodic Report		X
99.58	Fourth Amendment to the Amendment and Restatement of Master Trust Agreement for the DTE Energy Company Master Plan Trust between DTE Energy Corporate Services, LLC and DTE Energy Investment Committee and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. dated as of November 28, 2014	X	
99.59	Fifth Amendment to the Amendment and Restatement of Master Trust Agreement for the DTE Energy Company Master Plan Trust between DTE Energy Corporate Services, LLC and DTE Energy Investment Committee and Great-West Trust Company, LLC dated as of August 7, 2015	X	
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document	X	X
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema	X	X
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase	X	X
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Database	X	X
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase	X	X
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase	X	X
	(ii) Exhibits furnished herewith:		
32.105	Chief Executive Officer Section 906 Form 10-Q Certification of Periodic Report	X	
32.106	Chief Financial Officer Section 906 Form 10-Q Certification of Periodic Report	X	
32.107	Chief Executive Officer Section 906 Form 10-Q Certification of Periodic Report		X

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32.108	Chief Financial Officer Section 906 Form 10-Q Certification of Periodic Report	X
	(iii) Exhibits incorporated by reference:	
3.13	Amended Bylaws of DTE Energy Company, as amended through September 17, 2015 (Exhibit 3.1 to Form 8-K dated September 17, 2015)	X

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized. The signature for each undersigned Registrant shall be deemed to relate only to matters having reference to such Registrant and any subsidiaries thereof.

Date: October 23, 2015

DTE ENERGY COMPANY

By: /S/DONNA M. ENGLAND  
Donna M. England  
Chief Accounting Officer  
(Duly Authorized Officer)

DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: /S/DONNA M. ENGLAND  
Donna M. England  
Chief Accounting Officer  
(Duly Authorized Officer)