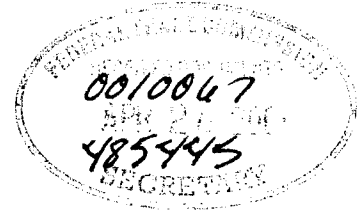


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Re: File No. 001-0067
Comments on Proposed Merger of DTE Energy Company
and MCN Energy Group

Gentlemen:

The undersigned is the owner of 3592 shares of Common Stock of MCN Energy Group. As an investor, the undersigned desires to retain his investment in MCN as a strong independent gas enterprise. The undersigned voted against the proposed merger at the Shareholders Meeting on December 20, 1999. Since then the plan has been changed so that the terms are even less favorable to MCN shareholders.

Although the undersigned does not reside in the service area of either company, he is concerned as a matter of public policy with the lack of competition which would result if the gas and electric businesses are under the same control over a major part of our State. It would be an unfortunate precedent for utilities elsewhere.

The reasons why the proposed merger would greatly reduce competition, in violation of the applicable statutes, are well set forth in the proposed Complaint summarized in the Commission's Release (pages 2 to 6). Many customers use gas to generate electricity, and this is a major concern in the City of Detroit. The Complaint points out that some customers can now choose either gas or electricity for specific needs. The Complaint charges that the proposed merger, "if consummated, would substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly in the distribution of electricity and gas."

Under the proposed "settlement" MCN would transfer some assets and easement rights to Exelon, a major utility based in Chicago, enabling some MCN customers to buy gas from Exelon. However, it does not appear that the major operations of MCN would be impaired, leaving a substantial monopoly by the merged company over gas and electricity as alleged in the Complaint.

In view of the foregoing the undersigned urges that the Commission reject the proposed settlement. The undersigned hopes that the parties will voluntarily terminate the merger agreement. If not, the undersigned urges that the Commission file its Complaint in the appropriate Court, with a view to preserving independent and competitive operations of gas and electricity in Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

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