

DTE ENERGY CO  
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**DTE ENERGY COMPANY**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. (EDT)**

**The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte**  
**201 East Trade Street**

**Charlotte, NC 28202**

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the**

**DTE Energy Company Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on May 5, 2016 ( Notice )**

This Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of DTE Energy Company will be held at The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte, 201 East Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. (EDT).

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet or by mail. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

The Company's 2016 proxy statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K are available to view at [www.proxydocs.com/dte](http://www.proxydocs.com/dte).

If you want to receive a paper copy or an e-mail with links to the electronic materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please see the reverse side of this notice on how to receive a paper copy.

**Admission**

All shareholders must pre-register in order to attend DTE Energy Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Please contact DTE Energy Shareholder Services by e-mail at [shareowner@dteenergy.com](mailto:shareowner@dteenergy.com) or by telephone at (313) 235-4200 and provide your name, address, telephone number and your request to attend. DTE Energy will respond to all pre-registration requests and will maintain a list of verified shareholders at the admission desk for the meeting. In addition to ownership confirmation, you must also present government-issued photo identification showing your name, address and signature for admission. No guests will be permitted. Annual meeting pre-registration requests must be received by the end of business on Thursday, April 28, 2016. Seating and parking are limited and admission is on a first-come basis.

**Matters to be acted upon at the meeting are listed below:**

**The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote FOR Proposals 1, 2, and 3 and AGAINST Proposals 4 and 5.**

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|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Election of directors:<br>Nominees for Terms<br>Ending in 2017 | 01 Gerard M. Anderson         | 05 Gail J. McGovern      | 09 Josue Robles, Jr.        |
|   | 02 David A. Brandon           | 06 Mark A. Murray        | 10 Ruth G. Shaw             |
|   | 03 W. Frank Fountain, Jr.     | 07 James B. Nicholson    | 11 David A. Thomas          |
|   | 04 Charles G. McClure,<br>Jr. | 08 Charles W. Pryor, Jr. | 12 James H.<br>Vandenberghe |
2. Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
  3. Provide a nonbinding vote to approve the Company's Executive Compensation
  4. Shareholder Proposal Relating to Political Contributions Disclosure
  5. Shareholder Proposal Relating to Distributed Generation

**THIS IS NOT A FORM FOR VOTING**

**You may immediately vote your proxy on the Internet at:**

[www.proxypush.com/dte](http://www.proxypush.com/dte)

Use the Internet to vote your proxy 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on May 4, 2016. For DTE Energy Savings Plan participants, Internet and telephone voting are available through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on May 2, 2016.

Please have this Notice and the last four digits of your Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number available. Follow the instructions to vote your proxy.

**Your Internet vote authorizes the Named Proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card.**

**To request paper copies of the proxy materials, which include the proxy card, proxy statement and annual report, please contact us via:**

**Internet/Mobile** Access the Internet and go to [www.investorelections.com/dte](http://www.investorelections.com/dte). Follow the instructions to log in, and order copies.

**Telephone** Call us free of charge at 866-870-3684 in the U.S. or Canada, using a touch-tone phone, and follow the instructions to log in and order copies.

**Email** Send us an e-mail at [paper@investorelections.com](mailto:paper@investorelections.com) with DTE Materials Request in the subject line. The e-mail must include:

The 11-digit control # located in the box in the upper right hand corner on the front of this notice.

Your preference to receive printed materials via mail **-or-** to receive an e-mail with links to the electronic materials.

If you choose e-mail delivery you must include the e-mail address.

If you would like this election to apply to delivery of material for all future meetings, write the word Permanent and include the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number in the e-mail.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by April 21, 2016. If you do not make this request, you will not receive a paper copy.

### **Important Information about the Notice of Proxy Materials**

This notice regarding the online availability of proxy materials (Notice) is provided to certain shareholders in place of the printed materials for the upcoming Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

In 2007, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted a voluntary rule permitting Internet-based delivery of proxy materials. Companies can now send Notices, rather than printed proxy materials to shareholders. This will help lower mailing, printing and storage costs for the company, while minimizing environmental impact. This Notice contains specific information regarding the annual shareholder meeting, proposals to be considered at the meeting and the internet site where the proxy materials may be found.