## RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION REGARDING DTE ENERGY SMART METERS – ADOPTED

Motion by Paula Filar, seconded by Terri Kowal: To adopt the following resolution to the Michigan Public Service Commission expressing Shelby Township Board of Trustees' concern with the installation of DTE Energy Smart Meters and a request to explore the health and safety effects:

## TOWNSHIP OF SHELBY MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

At a Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Shelby Board of Trustees, Macomb County, Michigan, held at 52700 Van Dyke, Shelby Township, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

The following resolution offered by Paula Filar and supported by Terri Kowal.

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has begun the installation of new meters to customers in the Metro Detroit area communities, replacing existing meters with so-called "Smart meters," that is, electric meters which will broadcast information to the utility company using radio frequencies; and

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has indicated that it will, at some point, begin installation of Smart meters in Shelby Township; and

WHEREAS, Smart meters provide a benefit to utilities by allowing remote meter reading by, among other things, eliminating the need for someone to go onto each utility customer's property to read a meter and possibly offering residents lower electric rates at non-peak times; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of people, including residents of the Charter Township of Shelby, have expressed their concerns to this Board about potential health effects of the Smart meters, as well as other concerns regarding their universal deployment in the Township; and

WHEREAS, although the Township Board is informed that it is without jurisdiction to directly regulate Smart meters, exclusive jurisdiction over them residing with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC"), the Township Board believes it is appropriate to assist its citizens in obtaining consideration of their issues by requesting careful review thereof by the MPSC.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Michigan Public Service Commission is hereby requested to perform a careful analysis of the potential health and safety effects which may result from the universal installation of Smart meters for electric and gas utilities.
- 2. The MPSC is further requested to consider delaying the deployment of Smart meters pending a conclusion by the MPSC, following careful study and review that such meters are safe and will not have short-term or long-term negative consequences to the health of the citizens of Shelby Township and the State of Michigan generally.
- 3. The MPSC is asked to carefully examine other concerns regarding the deployment of Smart meters as may be submitted to them by residents of Shelby Township and the State of Michigan, so as to insure

that all aspects of the issues are considered before final determination is made, with respect to such deployment.

- 4. The MPSC is further asked to consider requiring public utilities to allow customers with appropriate medical documentation of their individualized risks to opt out of Smart meter installation at their homes.
- 5. The Michigan Public Service Commission is hereby requested to perform a careful analysis of the potential privacy issues regarding available and future "Smart meter" technology.
- 6. All resolutions inconsistent with the foregoing resolution be and the same hereby are repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

AYES: Filar, Kowal, Manzella, Stathakis, Viar, Wozniak, Flynn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Supervisor Richard Stathakis

Clerk Terri Kowa

Treasurer Paul Viar

Trustee Paula Filar

Trustee Michael Flynn

Trustee Douglas Woznik

Trustee Lisa Manzella

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Shelby, County of Macomb, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on August 16, 2011, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act being Act 267, Public Acts of 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available, as required by said Act.

Terri Kowal MMC, Shelby Township Clerk