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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the Quarterly Period ended September 30, 2012**

**Commission file number 1-2198**

**The Detroit Edison Company meets the conditions set forth in General Instruction H (1) (a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is, therefore, filing this Form with the reduced disclosure format.**

**THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Michigan**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**One Energy Plaza, Detroit, Michigan**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**38-0478650**

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

**48226-1279**

(Zip Code)

**313-235-4000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☒

Smaller reporting company ☐

(Do not check if a smaller  
reporting company)

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

Yes ☐ No ☒

All of the registrant's 138,632,324 outstanding shares of common stock are owned by DTE Energy Company.

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**THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY  
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## DEFINITIONS

ASC	Accounting Standards Codification
ASU	Accounting Standards Update
CIM	A Choice Incentive Mechanism authorized by the MPSC that allowed Detroit Edison to recover or refund non-fuel revenues lost or gained as a result of fluctuations in electric Customer Choice sales.
Customer Choice	Michigan legislation giving customers the option to choose alternative suppliers for electricity.
Detroit Edison	The Detroit Edison Company (a direct wholly owned subsidiary of DTE Energy) and subsidiary companies
DTE Energy	DTE Energy Company, directly or indirectly the parent of Detroit Edison, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and numerous non-utility subsidiaries
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FTRs	Financial transmission rights are financial instruments that entitle the holder to receive payments related to costs incurred for congestion on the transmission grid.
MCIT	Michigan Corporate Income Tax
MDEQ	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
MISO	Midwest Independent System Operator is an Independent System Operator and the Regional Transmission Organization serving the Midwest United States and Manitoba, Canada.
MPSC	Michigan Public Service Commission
NRC	United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
PSCR	A Power Supply Cost Recovery mechanism authorized by the MPSC that allows Detroit Edison to recover through rates its fuel, fuel-related and purchased power costs.
RDM	A Revenue Decoupling Mechanism that is designed to minimize the impact on revenues of changes in average customer usage.
Securitization	Detroit Edison 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.
VIE	Variable Interest Entity

## Units of Measurement

kWh	Kilowatthour of electricity
MW	Megawatt of electricity
MWh	Megawatthour of electricity

## 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 Detroit Edison. Words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “expect,” “projected” 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 including, but not limited to, the following:

- impact of regulation by the FERC, MPSC, NRC and 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;
- impact of electric utility restructuring in Michigan, including legislative amendments and Customer Choice programs;
- economic conditions and population changes in our geographic area resulting in changes in demand, customer conservation, increased thefts of electricity and high levels of uncollectible accounts receivable;
- 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 and purchased power;
- 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 losses on investments, including nuclear decommissioning and benefit plan assets and the related increases in future expense and contributions;
- 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 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;
- binding arbitration, litigation and related appeals; and
- the risks discussed in our public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

New factors emerge from time to time. We cannot predict what factors may arise or how such factors may cause our results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Any forward-looking statements refer only as of the date on which such statements are made. We 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.

**Part I — Item 1.**
**THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY**
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)**

(in Millions)	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,542</b>	<b>\$ 1,517</b>	<b>\$ 4,029</b>	<b>\$ 3,949</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Fuel and purchased power	543	553	1,348	1,348
Operation and maintenance	337	352	1,026	1,012
Depreciation and amortization	219	215	607	619
Taxes other than income	65	63	193	182
Asset (gains) and losses, net	—	(1)	(1)	13
	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>3,173</b>	<b>3,174</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>775</b>
<b>Other (Income) and Deductions</b>				
Interest expense	70	74	204	218
Other income	(14)	(9)	(41)	(30)
Other expenses	12	14	27	26
	<b>68</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>Income Before Income Taxes</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>561</b>
<b>Income Tax Expense</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 195</b>	<b>\$ 158</b>	<b>\$ 419</b>	<b>\$ 347</b>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

**THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
(in Millions)				
Net income	\$ 195	\$ 158	\$ 419	\$ 347
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:				
Benefit obligations, net of taxes	—	—	2	1
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 195</u>	<u>\$ 158</u>	<u>\$ 421</u>	<u>\$ 348</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

# THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(in Millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2012	2011
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 419	\$ 347
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	607	619
Deferred income taxes	(48)	119
Asset (gains) and losses, net	(1)	13
Changes in assets and liabilities, exclusive of changes shown separately (Note 11)	245	(268)
Net cash from operating activities	1,222	830
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Plant and equipment expenditures	(855)	(842)
Restricted cash for debt redemptions, principally Securitization	57	47
Proceeds from sale of nuclear decommissioning trust fund assets	48	69
Investment in nuclear decommissioning trust funds	(61)	(97)
Notes receivable — affiliates	(252)	103
Other investments	(13)	(24)
Net cash used for investing activities	(1,076)	(744)
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Issuance of long-term debt	496	610
Redemption of long-term debt	(401)	(554)
Short-term borrowings — affiliates	1	33
Short-term borrowings — other	—	50
Dividends on common stock	(229)	(229)
Other	(3)	(6)
Net cash used for financing activities	(136)	(96)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(10)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 23</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

**THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)**

(in Millions)	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23	\$ 13
Restricted cash, principally Securitization	50	127
Accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$72 and \$80, respectively)		
Customer	751	709
Affiliates	11	61
Other	41	76
Inventories		
Fuel	250	264
Materials and supplies	193	183
Notes receivable		
Affiliates	278	26
Other	2	2
Prepaid property taxes	92	46
Regulatory assets	132	272
Other	25	17
	<u>1,848</u>	<u>1,796</u>
<b>Investments</b>		
Nuclear decommissioning trust funds	1,029	937
Other	128	121
	<u>1,157</u>	<u>1,058</u>
<b>Property</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	17,359	16,788
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(6,702)	(6,526)
	<u>10,657</u>	<u>10,262</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Regulatory assets	3,415	3,618
Securitized regulatory assets	456	577
Intangible assets	33	36
Notes receivable	4	4
Other	141	142
	<u>4,049</u>	<u>4,377</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 17,711</u>	<u>\$ 17,493</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)



**THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED) — (Continued)**

(in Millions, Except Shares)	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable		
Affiliates	\$ 67	\$ 67
Other	320	421
Accrued interest	73	69
Current portion long-term debt, including capital leases	258	470
Regulatory liabilities	9	27
Short-term borrowings — affiliates	65	64
Income taxes payable	142	—
Current deferred income taxes	62	68
Other	182	215
	<u>1,178</u>	<u>1,401</u>
<b>Long-Term Debt (net of current portion)</b>		
Mortgage bonds, notes and other	4,591	4,105
Securitization bonds	302	479
Capital lease obligations	1	9
	<u>4,894</u>	<u>4,593</u>
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		
Deferred income taxes	2,724	2,701
Regulatory liabilities	441	454
Asset retirement obligations	1,521	1,440
Unamortized investment tax credit	51	57
Nuclear decommissioning	156	148
Accrued pension liability — affiliates	1,188	1,231
Accrued postretirement liability - affiliates	1,126	1,217
Other	103	115
	<u>7,310</u>	<u>7,363</u>
<b>Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 6 and 9)</b>		
<b>Shareholder's Equity</b>		
Common stock, \$10 par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized, and 138,632,324 shares issued and outstanding	3,196	3,196
Retained earnings	1,151	960
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(18)	(20)
	<u>4,329</u>	<u>4,136</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity</b>	<u>\$ 17,711</u>	<u>\$ 17,493</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

**THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY (UNAUDITED)**

(Dollars in Millions, shares in thousands)	<b>Common Stock</b>		<b>Additional Paid In Capital</b>	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Amount</b>				
Balance December 31, 2011	138,632	\$ 1,386	\$ 1,810	\$ 960	\$ (20)	\$ 4,136
Net income				419		419
Dividends declared on common stock				(228)		(228)
Benefit obligations, net of tax					2	2
<b>Balance September 30, 2012</b>	<b>138,632</b>	<b>\$ 1,386</b>	<b>\$ 1,810</b>	<b>\$ 1,151</b>	<b>\$ (18)</b>	<b>\$ 4,329</b>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

#### NOTE 1 — BASIS OF PRESENTATION

##### *Corporate Structure*

Detroit Edison is an electric utility engaged in the generation, purchase, distribution and sale of electricity to approximately 2.1 million customers in southeastern Michigan. Detroit Edison is regulated by the MPSC and the FERC. In addition, the Company is regulated by other federal and state regulatory agencies including the NRC, the EPA and the MDEQ.

References in this report to “we,” “us,” “our” or “Company” are to Detroit Edison and its subsidiaries, collectively.

##### *Basis of Presentation*

These Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements 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 Company's estimates.

The Consolidated Financial Statements are unaudited, but in the Company's opinion include all adjustments necessary to 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 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, 2012.

Certain prior year balances were reclassified to match the current year's financial Statement presentation.

##### *Principles of Consolidation*

The Company consolidates all majority owned subsidiaries and investments in entities in which it has controlling influence. Non-majority owned investments are accounted for using the equity method when the Company is able to influence the operating policies of the investee. Non-majority owned investments include investments in limited liability companies, partnerships or joint ventures. When the Company does not influence the operating policies of an investee, the cost method is used. These Consolidated Financial Statements also reflect the Company's proportionate interests in certain jointly owned utility plants. The Company eliminates all intercompany balances and transactions.

The Company consolidates VIEs for which it is the primary beneficiary. If the Company 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, the Company 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 Company evaluates whether an entity is a VIE whenever reconsideration events occur. The Company performs ongoing reassessments of all VIEs to determine if the primary beneficiary status has changed.

The Company has variable interests in VIEs through certain of its long-term purchase contracts. As of September 30, 2012, the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position that relate to its variable interests under long-term purchase contracts are predominately related to working capital accounts and generally represent the amounts owed by the Company for the deliveries associated with the current billing cycle under the contracts. The Company has not provided any form of financial support associated with these long-term contracts. There is no significant potential exposure to loss as a result of its variable interests through these long-term purchase contracts.

In 2001, Detroit Edison 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. Detroit Edison performs servicing activities including billing and collecting surcharge revenue for Securitization. This entity is a VIE, and is consolidated as the Company is the primary beneficiary. The maximum risk exposure related to Securitization is reflected on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

The following table summarizes the major balance sheet items at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 restricted for Securitization that are either (1) assets that can be used only to settle its obligations or (2) liabilities for which creditors do not have recourse to the general credit of the primary beneficiary (in millions).

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Restricted cash	\$ 50	\$ 107
Accounts receivable	39	34
Securitized regulatory assets	456	577
Other assets	8	10
	<u>\$ 553</u>	<u>\$ 728</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued current liabilities	\$ 3	\$ 14
Current portion long-term debt, including capital leases	177	164
Other current liabilities	55	55
Securitization bonds	302	479
Other long-term liabilities	7	7
	<u>\$ 544</u>	<u>\$ 719</u>

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, Detroit Edison had \$4 million in Notes receivable, related to non-consolidated VIEs.

## NOTE 2 — SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### *Income Taxes*

The Company had \$3 million and \$4 million of unrecognized tax benefits at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, that, if recognized, would favorably impact its effective tax rate. In 2012, DTE Energy settled a federal tax audit for the 2009 and 2010 tax years and, as a result, Detroit Edison's unrecognized tax benefit decreased by \$53 million. The Company does not anticipate any material changes to the unrecognized tax benefits within the next twelve months. The company had an income tax payable of \$141 million due to DTE Energy at September 30, 2012 and an income tax receivable from DTE Energy of \$48 million at December 31, 2011.

### *Stock-Based Compensation*

The Company received an allocation of costs from DTE Energy associated with stock-based compensation of \$12 million and \$6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011, respectively, while such allocation was \$32 million and \$20 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011, respectively.

## NOTE 3 — 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 Company makes certain assumptions it believes 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 Company and its 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, 2012 and December 31, 2011. The Company believes it uses valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable market-based inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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 Company classifies 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 Company has 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.

### ***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. The fair values of the shares in these investments are based upon observable market prices for similar securities and, therefore, have been categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

### ***Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts and Other Investments***

The nuclear decommissioning trusts and other investments hold debt and equity securities directly and indirectly through commingled funds and institutional mutual funds. Exchange-traded debt and equity securities held directly are valued using quoted market prices in actively traded markets. The commingled funds and institutional mutual funds which hold exchange-traded equity or debt securities are valued based on the underlying securities, using quoted prices in actively traded markets. 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 trustees monitor prices supplied by pricing services and may use a supplemental price source or change the primary price source of a given security if the trustees determine that another price source is considered to be preferable. Detroit Edison has obtained an understanding of how these prices are derived, including the nature and observability of the inputs used in deriving such prices. Additionally, Detroit Edison selectively corroborates the fair values of securities by comparison of market-based price sources.

### ***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 Company considers 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 Company monitors 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 Company has obtained an understanding of how these prices are derived. Additionally, the Company selectively corroborates the fair value of its 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 Company has 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 our forward price curves has been assigned to our Risk Management Department.

The following table presents assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 (in millions):

	September 30, 2012				December 31, 2011			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Net Balance	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Net Balance
<b>Assets:</b>								
Cash equivalents (a)	\$ —	\$ 63	\$ —	\$ 63	\$ —	\$ 129	\$ —	\$ 129
Nuclear decommissioning trusts	651	378	—	1,029	577	360	—	937
Other investments (a) (b)	62	42	—	104	55	38	—	93
Derivative assets — FTRs	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	1
Net Assets	<u>\$ 713</u>	<u>\$ 483</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 1,198</u>	<u>\$ 632</u>	<u>\$ 527</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 1,160</u>
<b>Assets:</b>								
Current	\$ —	\$ 63	\$ 2	\$ 65	\$ —	\$ 129	\$ 1	\$ 130
Noncurrent	713	420	—	1,133	632	398	—	1,030
Total Assets	<u>\$ 713</u>	<u>\$ 483</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 1,198</u>	<u>\$ 632</u>	<u>\$ 527</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 1,160</u>

- (a) At September 30, 2012 available-for-sale securities of \$63 million, included \$49 million and \$14 million of cash equivalents included in Restricted cash and Other investments on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, respectively. At December 31, 2011 available-for-sale securities of \$129 million, included \$113 million and \$16 million of cash equivalents included in Restricted cash and Other investments on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, respectively.
- (b) Available for sale equity securities at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 of \$5 million and \$4 million are included in Other investments on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position, respectively.

The following table presents the fair value reconciliation of Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30		September 30	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Asset balance as of beginning of the period	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 1	\$ 2
Changes in fair value recorded in regulatory assets/liabilities	7	—	12	3
Purchases, issuances and settlements:				
Settlements	(7)	\$ —	(11)	(2)
Asset balance as of September 30	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>
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, 2012 and 2011	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>

No significant transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3 occurred in the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011.

### *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 Company has obtained an understanding of how the fair values are derived. The Company also selectively corroborates the fair value of its 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 are determined by the Company's Treasury Department which reports to the Company's Vice President and Treasurer.

The following table presents the carrying amount and fair value of financial instruments as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 (in millions):

	September 30, 2012				December 31, 2011	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value			Carrying Amount	Fair Value
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
Notes receivable, excluding capital leases	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 6
Notes receivable — affiliates	278	—	—	278	26	26
Short-term borrowings — affiliates	65	—	—	65	64	64
Long-term debt	5,148	—	5,870	40	5,051	5,740

See Note 4 for further fair value information on financial and derivative instruments.

### *Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Funds*

Detroit Edison has a legal obligation to decommission its nuclear power plants following the expiration of their operating licenses. This obligation is reflected as an asset retirement obligation on the 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. Detroit Edison is continuing to fund FERC jurisdictional amounts for decommissioning even though explicit provisions are not included in FERC rates. See Note 5.

The following table summarizes the fair value of the nuclear decommissioning trust fund assets (in millions):

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Fermi 2	\$ 1,003	\$ 915
Fermi 1	3	3
Low level radioactive waste	23	19
Total	\$ 1,029	\$ 937

The costs of securities sold are determined on the basis of specific identification. The following table sets forth the gains and losses and proceeds from the sale of securities by the nuclear decommissioning trust funds (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30		September 30	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Realized gains	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 21	\$ 34
Realized losses	(6)	(9)	(17)	(26)
Proceeds from sales of securities	12	10	48	69

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 the fair value and unrealized gains for the nuclear decommissioning trust funds (in millions):

	September 30, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Gains	Fair Value	Unrealized Gains
Equity securities	\$ 615	\$ 124	\$ 533	\$ 80
Debt securities	405	29	385	22
Cash and cash equivalents	9	—	19	—
	\$ 1,029	\$ 153	\$ 937	\$ 102

The debt securities at both September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 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 Detroit Edison 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. Detroit Edison recognized \$56 million and \$67 million of unrealized losses as Regulatory assets at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. Since the decommissioning of Fermi 1 is funded by Detroit Edison rather than through a regulatory recovery mechanism, there is no corresponding regulatory asset treatment. Therefore, unrealized losses incurred by the Fermi 1 trust are recognized in earnings

immediately. There were no unrealized losses recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011 for Fermi 1 trust assets.

### ***Other Available-For-Sale Securities***

At September 30, 2012 and 2011, available-for-sale securities are comprised primarily of money-market funds and equity securities. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011, no amounts of unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities were reclassified out of other comprehensive income into losses for the periods. Gains (losses) related to trading securities held at September 30, 2012 and 2011 were \$9 million and \$(3) million, respectively.

## **NOTE 4 — FINANCIAL AND OTHER DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS**

The Company recognizes all derivatives at their fair value on the 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. For fair value hedges, changes in fair values for the derivative are recognized in earnings each period. Gains and losses from the ineffective portion of any hedge are recognized in earnings immediately. For derivatives that do not qualify or are not designated for hedge accounting, changes in the fair value are recognized in earnings each period.

Detroit Edison's primary market risk exposure is associated with commodity prices, credit and interest rates. The Company has risk management policies to monitor and manage market risks. The Company uses derivative instruments to manage some of the exposure. Detroit Edison generates, purchases, distributes and sells electricity. Detroit Edison uses forward energy and capacity contracts to manage changes in the price of electricity and fuel. Substantially all of these contracts meet the normal purchases and sales exemption and are therefore accounted for under the accrual method. Other derivative contracts are recoverable through the PSCR mechanism when settled. This results in the deferral of unrealized gains and losses as Regulatory assets or liabilities until realized.

The following represents the fair value of derivative instruments as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 (in millions):

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
FTRs — Other current assets	\$ 2	\$ 1
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	\$ 2	\$ 1

The effect of derivative instruments recoverable through the PSCR mechanism when realized on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position are \$7 million and \$12 million in gains related to FTRs recognized in Regulatory liabilities for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively.

The following represents the cumulative gross volume of derivative contracts outstanding as of September 30, 2012:

Commodity	Number of Units
FTRs (MWh)	77,888

## **NOTE 5 — ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS**

A reconciliation of the asset retirement obligations for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 follows (in millions):

Asset retirement obligations at December 31, 2011	\$ 1,442
Accretion	67
Revision in estimated cash flows	2
Liabilities incurred	14
Liabilities settled	(4)
Asset retirement obligations at September 30, 2012	\$ 1,521



## NOTE 6 - REGULATORY MATTERS

### *Detroit Edison Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM)*

In May 2011, Detroit Edison filed an application with the MPSC for approval of its initial pilot RDM reconciliation for the period February 2010 through January 2011, requesting authority to refund to customers approximately \$56 million, plus interest. This amount was accrued by Detroit Edison as of December 31, 2011. In addition, Detroit Edison accrued a pilot RDM liability for February 2011 through October 2011 of approximately \$71 million. On April 10, 2012, the Michigan Court of Appeals (COA) issued a decision relating to an appeal of the January 2010 MPSC order in Detroit Edison's January 2009 rate case filing. The COA determined that the MPSC only had statutory authority to implement a RDM for gas providers, but not for electric providers, thereby reversing the MPSC's decision to authorize an RDM for Detroit Edison. No party appealed the COA decision regarding the RDM determination. On August 1, 2012, Detroit Edison filed an application for approval of accounting authority to defer for future amortization \$127 million of gain resulting from the reversal of the Company's regulatory liability associated with the operation of the RDM. On August 14, 2012, the MPSC dismissed Detroit Edison's initial pilot RDM reconciliation case. On September 25, 2012, the MPSC issued an order approving the Company's accounting application. As described in the accounting application, Detroit Edison will amortize the new regulatory liability to income, at a monthly rate of approximately \$10.6 million, beginning January 2014. It is currently anticipated that with this accounting treatment, along with other cost saving measures, Detroit Edison will not need to increase base rates until 2015. If Detroit Edison's base rates are increased prior to January 1, 2015, the Company will cease amortization and refund to customers the remaining unamortized balance of the new regulatory liability.

### *Energy Optimization (EO) Plans*

In August 2012, Detroit Edison filed an amended EO plan with the MPSC. Detroit Edison's EO plan application proposed the recovery of EO expenditures for the period 2013-2015 of \$224 million and further requested approval of surcharges to recover these costs.

### *Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) Proceedings*

The PSCR process is designed to allow Detroit Edison to recover all of its power supply costs if incurred under reasonable and prudent policies and practices. Detroit Edison's power supply costs include fuel and related transportation costs, purchased and net interchange power costs, nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide emission allowances costs, urea costs, transmission costs and MISO costs. The MPSC reviews these costs, policies and practices for prudence in annual plan and reconciliation filings.

*2013 Plan Year* - In September 2012, Detroit Edison filed its 2013 PSCR plan case seeking approval of a levelized PSCR factor of 4.74 mills/kWh above the amount included in base rates for all PSCR customers. The filing supports a total power supply expense forecast of \$1.5 billion. The plan also includes approximately \$81 million for the recovery of its projected 2012 PSCR under-recovery.

### *Other*

The Company is unable to predict the outcome of the unresolved regulatory matters discussed herein. Resolution of these matters is dependent upon future MPSC orders and appeals, which may materially impact the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company.

## NOTE 7 — LONG-TERM DEBT

### *Debt Issuances*

Through September 30, 2012, the Company has issued or remarketed the following long-term debt (in millions):

Month	Type	Interest Rate	Maturity	Amount
June	Mortgage Bonds (a)	2.65%	2022	\$ 250
June	Mortgage Bonds (a)	3.95%	2042	250
				<b>\$ 500</b>

(a) Proceeds to be used for the early redemption of Detroit Edison long-term debt; for the repayment of short-term borrowings; and for general corporate purposes.

## Debt Retirements and Redemptions

Through September 30, 2012, the following debt was retired, through payment at maturity (in millions):

Month	Type	Interest Rate	Maturity	Amount
July	Senior Notes	5.20%	2012	\$ 225
				<u>\$ 225</u>

## NOTE 8 — SHORT-TERM CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS AND BORROWINGS

Detroit Edison has a \$300 million unsecured revolving credit agreement with a syndicate of 20 banks that may be used for general corporate borrowings, but is intended to provide liquidity support for the Company's commercial paper program. No one bank provides more than 8.5% of the commitment in the facility. Borrowings under the facility are available at prevailing short-term interest rates. The facility will expire in October 2016. At September 30, 2012, there were no amounts outstanding against this facility.

The agreement require the Company 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 the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, including capital lease obligations, hedge agreements and guarantees of third parties' debt, but excluding contingent obligations and nonrecourse and junior subordinated debt. "Capitalization" means the sum of (a) total funded debt plus (b) "consolidated net worth," which is equal to consolidated total stockholders' equity of the Company and its 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, 2012, the total funded debt to total capitalization ratio for Detroit Edison was 0.52 to 1. Should Detroit Edison have delinquent obligations of at least \$50 million to any creditor, such delinquency will be considered a default under its credit agreements.

## NOTE 9 — COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

### Environmental

*Air* — Detroit Edison 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 have led to additional controls on fossil-fueled power plants to reduce nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, mercury and other emissions. To comply with these requirements, Detroit Edison has spent approximately \$1.7 billion through 2011. It is estimated that Detroit Edison will make capital expenditures of approximately \$170 million in 2012 and up to approximately \$2.0 billion of additional capital expenditures through 2021 based on current regulations. Further, 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), finalized in July 2011, required further reductions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emissions beginning in 2012. On December 30, 2011, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit granted the motions to stay the rule, leaving Detroit Edison temporarily subject to the previously existing Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR). On August 21, 2012, the Court issued its decision, vacating CSAPR and leaving CAIR in place. The Mercury and Air Toxics Standard (MATS) rule, formerly known as the Electric Generating Unit Maximum Achievable Control Technology (EGU MACT) Rule was finalized on December 16, 2011. The MATS rule requires reductions of mercury and other hazardous air pollutants beginning in 2015. Detroit Edison has tested technologies to determine technological and economic feasibility as MATS compliance alternatives to Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) systems. Implementation of Dry Sorbent Injection (DSI) and Activated Carbon Injection (ACI) technologies will allow several units to operate in compliance with MATS that would not have been economical for FGD installations.

In July 2009, DTE Energy received a Notice of Violation/Finding of Violation (NOV/FOV) from the EPA alleging, among other things, that five Detroit Edison power plants violated New Source Performance standards, Prevention of Significant Deterioration requirements, and operating permit requirements under the Clean Air Act. An additional NOV/FOV was received in June 2010 related to a recent project and outage at Unit 2 of the Monroe Power Plant.

In August 2010, the United States 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 Detroit Edison, 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 Detroit Edison 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 Detroit Edison 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 Detroit Edison's fleet of coal-fired power plants until the new control equipment is operating. On August 23, 2011, the U.S. District judge granted DTE Energy's motion for summary judgment in the civil case, dismissing the case and entering judgment in favor of DTE Energy. On October 20, 2011, the EPA caused to be filed a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Oral arguments at the Court of Appeals are scheduled for November 27, 2012 and a decision is not expected until 2013.

DTE Energy and Detroit Edison believe that the plants identified by the EPA, including Unit 2 of the Monroe Power Plant, have complied with all applicable federal environmental regulations. Depending upon the outcome of discussions with the EPA regarding the NOV/FOV and the result of the appeals process, the Company could also 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 Company cannot predict the financial impact or outcome of this matter, or the timing of its resolution.

*Water* — In response to an EPA regulation, Detroit Edison is 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, Detroit Edison may be required to install additional control technologies to reduce the impacts of the water intakes. Initially, it was estimated that Detroit Edison could incur up to approximately \$55 million in additional capital expenditures over the four to six years subsequent to 2008 to comply with these requirements. However, a January 2007 circuit court decision remanded back to the EPA several provisions of the federal regulation that has resulted in a delay in compliance dates. The decision also raised the possibility that Detroit Edison may have to install cooling towers at some facilities at a cost substantially greater than was initially estimated for other mitigative technologies. The EPA published a proposed rule in 2011 that extended the time line to 2020 with an estimated expected increase in costs to \$80 million for the original mitigative technologies. In July 2012, the EPA announced an extension of a notice of its final action on the rule to June 2013, consequently extending the time line to 2021. The EPA has also issued an information collection request to begin a review of steam electric effluent guidelines. It is not possible at this time to quantify the impacts of these developing requirements.

*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 manufactured gas plant (MGP) sites. Detroit Edison 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 site. In addition to the MGP sites, the Company is also in the process of cleaning up other contaminated sites, including the area surrounding an ash landfill, electrical distribution substations, 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, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company had \$8 million accrued for remediation. Any significant 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 the Company's financial position and cash flows.

Detroit Edison owns and operates a permitted engineered ash storage facility at the Monroe Power Plant to dispose of fly ash from the coal fired power plant. Detroit Edison performed an engineering analysis in 2009 and identified the need for embankment side slope repairs and reconstruction which will be completed by the end of 2013.

The EPA has published proposed rules to regulate coal ash under the authority of the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The proposed rule published in June 2010 contains two primary regulatory options to regulate coal ash residue. The EPA is currently considering either designating coal ash as a "Hazardous Waste" as defined by RCRA or regulating coal ash as non-hazardous waste under RCRA. Agencies and legislatures have urged the EPA to regulate coal ash as a non-hazardous waste. If the EPA designates coal ash as a hazardous waste, the agency could apply some, or all, of the disposal and reuse standards that have been applied to other existing hazardous wastes to disposal and reuse of coal ash. Some of the regulatory actions currently being contemplated could have a significant impact on our operations and financial position and the rates we charge our customers. It is not possible to quantify the impact of those expected rulemakings at this time.

#### *Other*

In March 2011, the EPA finalized a new set of regulations regarding the identification of non-hazardous secondary materials that are considered solid waste, industrial boiler and process heater maximum achievable control technologies (IBMACT) for major and area sources, and commercial/industrial solid waste incinerator new source performance standard and emission guidelines (CISWI). The effective dates of the major source IBMACT and CISWI regulations were stayed and a re-proposal was issued by the EPA in December 2011. The re-proposed rules may impact our existing operations and may require us, in certain instances, to install new air pollution control devices. The re-proposed regulations will provide a minimum period of three years for compliance with the applicable standards. Based on the final approved regulations, anticipated in late 2012, the Company will assess the financial impact, if any, on current operations for compliance with the applicable new standards.

In 2010, the EPA finalized a new sulfur dioxide ambient air quality standard that requires states to submit plans for non-attainment areas to be in compliance by 2017. Michigan's proposed non-attainment area includes Detroit Edison facilities in southwest Detroit and areas of Wayne County. Preliminary modeling runs by the MDEQ suggest that emission reductions may be required by significant sources of sulfur dioxide emissions in these areas, including Detroit Edison power plants. The state implementation plan process is in the preliminary stage and any required emission reductions for Detroit Edison sources to meet the standard cannot be estimated currently.

### ***Nuclear Operations***

#### ***Property Insurance***

Detroit Edison maintains property insurance policies specifically for the Fermi 2 plant. These policies cover such items as replacement power and property damage. The Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited (NEIL) is the primary supplier of the insurance policies.

Detroit Edison 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 of \$490 million of coverage over a three-year period.

Detroit Edison has \$500 million in primary coverage and \$2.25 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, subject to a \$1 million deductible.

In 2007, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005 (TRIA) was extended through December 31, 2014. A major change in the extension is the inclusion of "domestic" acts of terrorism in the definition of covered or "certified" acts. 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 the NEIL policies, Detroit Edison could be liable for maximum assessments of up to approximately \$31 million per event if the loss associated with any one event at any nuclear plant in the United States should exceed the accumulated funds available to NEIL.

#### ***Public Liability Insurance***

As of January 1, 2012, as required by federal law, Detroit Edison 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 \$117.5 million could be levied against each licensed nuclear facility, but not more than \$17.5 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, Detroit Edison has a contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for the future storage and disposal of spent nuclear fuel from Fermi 2. Detroit Edison is obligated to pay the DOE a fee of 1 mill per kWh of Fermi 2 electricity generated and sold. The fee is 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. Detroit Edison currently employs a spent nuclear fuel storage strategy utilizing a fuel pool. The Company continues to develop its on-site dry cask storage facility and has postponed the initial offload from the spent fuel pool until 2014. 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.

Detroit Edison 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, Detroit Edison 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 provided for a payment of approximately \$48 million, received in August 2012, for delay-related costs experienced by Detroit Edison through 2010, and a claims process for submittal of delay-related costs from 2011 through 2013. The settlement proceeds reduced the cost of the dry cask storage facility assets. 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 Detroit Edison ratepayers to the federal waste fund await future governmental action.

### ***Guarantees***

In certain limited circumstances, the Company enters into contractual guarantees. The Company may guarantee another entity's obligation in the event it fails to perform. The Company may provide guarantees in certain indemnification agreements. Finally, the Company may provide indirect guarantees for the indebtedness of others.

### ***Labor Contracts***

There are several bargaining units for the Company's approximately 2,800 represented employees. In the third quarter of 2012, a new contract was ratified covering approximately 500 electrical linemen that will expire in August 2016. The majority of the remaining represented employees are under a contract that expires in June 2013.

### ***Purchase Commitments***

As of December 31, 2011, the Company was party to numerous long-term purchase commitments relating to a variety of goods and services required for the Company's business. These agreements primarily consist of fuel supply commitments. The Company estimates that these commitments will be approximately \$1.4 billion from 2012 through 2027.

The Company also estimates that 2012 capital expenditures will be approximately \$1.2 billion. The Company has made certain commitments in connection with expected capital expenditures.

### ***Bankruptcies***

The Company purchases and sells electricity from and to governmental entities and numerous companies operating in the steel, automotive, energy, retail and other industries. Certain of its customers have filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The Company regularly reviews contingent matters relating to these customers and its purchase and sale contracts and records provisions for amounts considered at risk of probable loss. The Company believes its accrued amounts are adequate for probable loss. The final resolution of these matters may have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

### ***Other Contingencies***

The Company is 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 Company cannot predict the final disposition of such proceedings. The Company regularly reviews legal matters and records provisions for claims that it can estimate and are considered probable of loss. The resolution of these pending proceedings is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's operations or financial statements in the periods they are resolved.

See Notes 4 and 6 for a discussion of contingencies related to derivatives and regulatory matters.

## **NOTE 10 — RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND TRUSTEED ASSETS**

The following details the components of net periodic benefit costs for pension benefits and other postretirement benefits (in millions):

	<b>Pension Benefits</b>		<b>Other Postretirement Benefits</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Three Months Ended September 30</b>				
Service cost	\$ 15	\$ 11	\$ 11	\$ 11
Interest cost	38	39	23	21
Expected return on plan assets	(41)	(42)	(15)	(16)
Amortization of:				
Net actuarial loss	33	27	16	9
Prior service cost (credit)	—	1	(4)	(4)
Net transition liability	—	—	—	1
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 45</u>	<u>\$ 36</u>	<u>\$ 31</u>	<u>\$ 22</u>

	Pension Benefits		Other Postretirement Benefits	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30</b>				
Service cost	\$ 48	\$ 41	\$ 38	\$ 37
Interest cost	116	116	69	68
Expected return on plan assets	(124)	(126)	(46)	(47)
Amortization of:				
Net actuarial loss	93	74	44	30
Prior service cost (credit)	—	3	(12)	(12)
Net transition liability	—	—	1	2
Settlements	2	2	—	—
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 135</u>	<u>\$ 110</u>	<u>\$ 94</u>	<u>\$ 78</u>

### *Pension and Other Postretirement Contributions*

The Company contributed \$80 million of DTE Energy common stock to its pension plans in the second quarter of 2012, consisting of approximately 1.3 million shares valued at an average price of \$59.94 per share. At the discretion of management, and depending upon financial market conditions, the Company may make up to an additional \$120 million contribution to its pension plans in 2012.

In January 2012, the Company contributed \$95 million to its other postretirement benefit plans. At the discretion of management, the Company may make up to an additional \$120 million contribution to its other postretirement benefit plans in 2012.

### **NOTE 11 — SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

The following provides detail of the changes in assets and liabilities that are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2012	2011
<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities, Exclusive of Changes Shown Separately</b>		
Accounts receivable, net	\$ (13)	\$ (22)
Inventories	4	(3)
Accrued pension liability — affiliates	(43)	(171)
Accounts payable	(55)	(24)
Accrued PSCR refund	53	(121)
Regulatory assets	210	54
Income taxes receivable/payable	242	71
Postretirement obligation — affiliates	(91)	(31)
Other assets	1	2
Other liabilities	(63)	(23)
	<u>\$ 245</u>	<u>\$ (268)</u>



**Part 1 — Item 2.**
**THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY**
**MANAGEMENT'S NARRATIVE ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The Management's Narrative Analysis of Results of Operations discussion for Detroit Edison is presented in accordance with General Instruction H(2)(a) of Form 10-Q.

Detroit Edison's results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the comparable 2011 period are discussed below (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,542	\$ 1,517	\$ 4,029	\$ 3,949
Fuel and Purchased Power	543	553	1,348	1,348
Gross Margin	999	964	2,681	2,601
Operation and Maintenance	337	352	1,026	1,012
Depreciation and Amortization	219	215	607	619
Taxes Other Than Income	65	63	193	182
Asset (Gains) and Losses, Net	—	(1)	(1)	13
Operating Income	378	335	856	775
Other (Income) and Deductions	68	79	190	214
Income Tax Expense	115	98	247	214
Net Income	\$ 195	\$ 158	\$ 419	\$ 347
Operating Income as a Percentage of Operating Revenues	25%	22%	21%	20%

Gross margin increased \$35 million in the third quarter of 2012 and \$80 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012. Revenues associated with certain tracking mechanisms and surcharges are offset by related expenses elsewhere in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The following table details changes in various gross margin components relative to the comparable prior period (in millions):

	Three Months	Nine Months
Weather, net of 2011 RDM, and 2011 base rate increase	\$ 57	\$ 80
Renewable energy program	4	24
Energy optimization performance incentive	—	(9)
Regulatory mechanisms and other, net	(26)	(15)
Increase in gross margin	\$ 35	\$ 80

(in Thousands of MWh)	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
<b>Electric Sales</b>				
Residential	4,894	4,863	12,180	12,358
Commercial	4,602	4,759	12,734	12,750
Industrial	2,707	2,606	7,645	7,353
Other	238	782	717	2,343
	12,441	13,010	33,276	34,804
Interconnection sales (a)	441	884	1,827	2,346
Total Electric Sales	12,882	13,894	35,103	37,150
<b>Electric Deliveries</b>				
Retail and Wholesale	12,441	13,010	33,276	34,804
Electric Customer Choice	1,372	1,393	3,938	4,104
Total Electric Sales and Deliveries	13,813	14,403	37,214	38,908

(a) Represents power that is not distributed by Detroit Edison.

*Operation and maintenance* expense decreased \$15 million and increased \$14 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. The decrease for the 2012 third quarter is primarily due to decreased restoration and line clearance expense of \$22 million, lower power plant generation expense of \$8 million and lower uncollectible expense of \$3 million, partially offset by higher employee benefit-related expense of \$9 million and higher energy optimization and renewable energy expense of \$4 million. The increase for the 2012 nine-month period is attributable to higher employee benefit-related expense of \$29 million, increased energy optimization and renewable energy expense of \$9 million, partially offset by decreased restoration and line clearance expense of \$15 million, lower power plant generation expense of \$8 million, and lower uncollectible expense of \$5 million.

*Asset (gains) losses, reserves and impairments, net* decreased in the nine months of 2012 due to a 2011 accrual of \$19 million resulting from management's revisions of the timing and estimate of cash flows for the decommissioning of Fermi 1, partially offset by a 2011 revision of \$6 million in the timing and estimate of cash flows for the Fermi 1 asbestos removal obligation and other items.

*Outlook* - We continue to move forward in our efforts to achieve operational excellence, sustained strong cash flows and earn our authorized return on equity. We expect that our planned significant environmental and renewable expenditures will result in earnings growth. Looking forward, additional factors may impact earnings such as the outcome of regulatory proceedings, 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 changes to the renewable portfolio requirements that may result from the passage of Proposal 3, a November 2012 Michigan ballot proposal that would amend the Michigan constitution to require all electric providers in Michigan to generate 25 percent of retail electric sales from specific renewable energy sources by 2025. We expect to continue our efforts to improve productivity and decrease our costs while improving customer satisfaction with consideration of customer rate affordability.

On June 25, 2012, our Fermi 2 nuclear power plant was manually shutdown after one of the plant's two non-safety related feed-water pumps failed. Supported by a detailed analysis, Detroit Edison decided to operate the plant with one feed-water pump at a reduced power level until the second feed-water pump is returned to service. The plant was restarted on July 30, 2012 which restored production to 68% of full capacity. We expect that a substantial portion of the property damage will be covered by existing insurance coverage, subject to deductibles. We are able to purchase sufficient power from MISO to continue to provide uninterrupted service to our customers. We do not expect the temporary shutdown and the operation of the plant at a reduced power level to have a significant impact on our results of operations. The plant is scheduled to be brought down in the first quarter of 2013 to complete the repair.

See Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for discussion on Regulatory Matters.

### ***Environmental Matters***

Climate regulation and/or legislation has been proposed and discussed within the U.S. Congress and the EPA, however the current 112<sup>th</sup> Congress is not expected to pass any major energy or climate bills. Meanwhile, the EPA is implementing regulatory actions under the Clean Air Act to address emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs). EPA regulation of GHGs began in 2011 and requires the best available control technology (BACT) for new major sources or modifications to existing major sources that cause significant increases in GHG emissions. The impact of this rule is uncertain until BACT is better defined by the permitting agencies. Pending or future legislation or other regulatory actions could have a material impact on our operations and financial position and the rates we charge our customers. Impacts include expenditures for environmental equipment beyond what is currently planned, financing costs related to additional capital expenditures, the purchase of emission offsets from market sources and the retirement of facilities where control equipment is not economical. We would seek to recover these incremental costs through increased rates charged to our utility customers. Increased costs for energy produced from traditional sources could also increase the economic viability of energy produced from renewable and/or nuclear sources and energy efficiency initiatives and the development of market based trading of carbon offsets providing business opportunities for our utility and non-utility segments. It is not possible to quantify these impacts on Detroit Edison or its customers at this time.

See Note 9 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding environmental matters.



**Part I — Item 4.**

**CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures**

Management of the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of Detroit Edison's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of September 30, 2012, which is the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, the CEO and CFO have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures are effective in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company 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 SEC's rules and forms and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to the Company'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 the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2012 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## **Part II — OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. — Legal Proceedings**

In July 2009, DTE Energy received a Notice of Violation/Finding of Violation (NOV/FOV) from the EPA alleging, among other things, that five of Detroit Edison's power plants violated New Source Performance standards, Prevention of Significant Deterioration requirements, and Title V operating permit requirements under the Clean Air Act. In June 2010, EPA issued a NOV/FOV making similar allegations related to a recent project and outage at Unit 2 of the Monroe Power Plant.

In August 2010, the United States Department of Justice, at the request of EPA, brought a civil suit in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan against DTE Energy and Detroit Edison, 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 Detroit Edison 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 Detroit Edison 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 Detroit Edison's fleet of coal-fired power plants until the new control equipment is operating. In January 2011 the EPA's motion for preliminary injunction was denied. On August 23, 2011, the U.S. District judge granted DTE Energy's motion for summary judgment in the civil case, dismissing the case and entering judgment in favor of DTE Energy. On October 20, 2011, the EPA caused to be filed a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Oral arguments at the Court of Appeals are scheduled for November 27, 2012 and a decision is not expected until 2013.

DTE Energy and Detroit Edison believe that the plants identified by the EPA, including Unit 2 of the Monroe Power Plant, have complied with all applicable federal environmental regulations. Depending upon the outcome of discussions with the EPA regarding the two NOV/FOVs, Detroit Edison could also be required to install additional pollution control equipment at some or all of the power plants in question, consider early retirement of facilities where control equipment is not economical, engage in supplemental environmental programs, and/or pay fines. DTE Energy and Detroit Edison cannot predict the financial impact or outcome of these matters, or the timing of its resolution.

### **Item 1A. — Risk Factors**

There are various risks associated with the operations of Detroit Edison. To provide a framework to understand the operating environment of Detroit Edison, we provided a brief explanation of the more significant risks associated with our businesses in Part 1, Item 1A. Risk Factors in the Company's 2011 Form 10-K. Although we have tried to identify and discuss key risk factors, others could emerge in the future.

**Item 6. — Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b><i>Exhibits filed herewith:</i></b>	
31-77	Chief Executive Officer Section 302 Form 10-Q Certification
31-78	Chief Financial Officer Section 302 Form 10-Q Certification
<b><i>Exhibits furnished herewith:</i></b>	
32-77	Chief Executive Officer Section 906 Form 10-Q Certification
32-78	Chief Financial Officer Section 906 Form 10-Q Certification
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Database
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY**

(Registrant)

Date: October 24, 2012

/s/ DONNA M. ENGLAND

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Donna M. England

Chief Accounting Officer