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**SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY SELECTS DTE ENERGY TO FUEL
ITS HEADQUARTERS WITH CLEAN ENERGY**

Port Huron, MI, July 7, 2020 – SEMCO ENERGY Gas Company (SEMCO) today announced an agreement with DTE Energy that will support SEMCO’s goals to lower operational carbon emissions and take another critical step toward reducing its overall carbon footprint. Under the terms of the partnership, SEMCO will purchase half of the electricity supplied to its headquarters in Port Huron from renewable sources provided by DTE, beginning in July of this year. This move will offset 707 metric tons of CO₂e annually – the greenhouse gas emissions equivalent of an average passenger vehicle driving 1,754,442 miles*.

The contract is made possible through DTE’s MIGreenPower program, a voluntary renewable energy program that allows customers to participate in DTE’s wind and solar projects by matching a portion of their energy use to Michigan-made renewable energy. SEMCO is one of the first commercial customers to enroll in MIGreenPower Wind, a new program under the MIGreenPower suite of voluntary clean energy programs. MIGreenPower Wind is sourced solely from DTE’s wind portfolio and is the most affordable clean energy program the company offers. DTE will source the energy for this contract from Pinnebog Wind Park, located in Huron County.

“Protecting the environment and minimizing our impact is one of SEMCO’s core values – partnering with DTE Energy underscores our commitment to serve as an environmental steward

as we invest in sustainable practices for our own facilities and operations,” said Colleen Starring, president SEMCO.

SEMCO worked closely with DTE to identify cost savings measures to make enrolling in DTE’s MIGreenPower a nearly cost neutral endeavor.

“MIGreenPower Wind is the first of several new MIGreenPower programs we plan on introducing over the next couple of years to meet our customers’ growing appetite for cleaner energy,” said Brian Calka, director, DTE Energy. “Growing MIGreenPower participation fuels the development of renewable energy in Michigan, and we’re glad to partner with SEMCO to help deliver on their sustainability goals.”

SEMCO is dedicated to identifying additional opportunities across its operations in Michigan to further lower greenhouse gas emissions and reduce environmental impact.

SEMCO ENERGY Gas Company, a division of SEMCO Energy, Inc., and a wholly-owned subsidiary of AltaGas, Inc., is headquartered in Port Huron, Michigan. SEMCO is a regulated public utility that delivers natural gas to approximately 300,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Michigan. Service territories include portions of the southern half of the state's Lower Peninsula (including in and around the cities of Albion, Battle Creek, Holland, Niles, Port Huron and Three Rivers) and in the central, eastern and western parts of the state's Upper Peninsula.

* According to the EPA Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies [Calculator](#).

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