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Robert J. Buckler, 52, is president and chief operating officer of DTE Energy Distribution, one of three major business units of DTE Energy Co. (NYSE: DTE), a diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. At Detroit Edison, he is responsible for all electric and steam distribution, customer service and marketing activities and assorted support functions. Buckler also serves as chief executive officer of DTE Energy Technologies, which is a leading integrated solution provider of cutting-edge, innovative distributed generation systems worldwide. He is also chairman of the International Transmission Company and Syndeco Realty Corporation.

Buckler joined Detroit Edison in 1972 as an engineer. Garnering positions of greater responsibility throughout his career, he served as senior engineer, Fuel Supply; director, project controls at Fermi 2, Detroit Edison's nuclear power plant; assistant superintendent, Monroe Power Plant; assistant director, Customer and Marketing Services; director, Planning and manager, Executive Council Staff. He assumed responsibility for his current area of the company in 1990 when he was named vice president of Divisions. He became senior vice president in 1992 and executive vice president in 1997.

Buckler earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the University of Michigan's College of Engineering national advisory committee. In 1993, he was awarded the school's Alumni Society Merit Award.

He is a past president of the Engineering Society of Detroit and was elected to Grade of Fellow, ESD. He serves as a trustee and treasurer of the Rackham Foundation.

Buckler is a member of the University of Michigan Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics external advisory board; the visiting committee of the University of Michigan-Dearborn; and a trustee of Lawrence Institute of Technology. He serves as a director of the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, Detroit Economic Growth Fund, the Detroit Economic Growth Association and the Greater Downtown Partnership. He is the state fundraising chairman for Habitat for Humanity, on the board of directors of the YMCA-Metropolitan Detroit, and a member of the 2000 campaign cabinet of the United Way Community Services.

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