

RESOLUTION

NO. R-22-483

CITY HALL: November 3, 2022

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, MORRELL, GIARRUSSO, HARRIS, KING,
GREEN AND THOMAS**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER ESTABLISHING A DOCKET AND PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF ENTERGY NEW
ORLEANS, LLC FOR A BATTERY STORAGE DEMAND RESPONSE PILOT
PROGRAM**

DOCKET UD-22-03

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans (“Charter”), the Council of the City of New Orleans (“Council”) is the governmental body with the power of supervision, regulation, and control over public utilities providing service within the City of New Orleans (“City”); and

WHEREAS, Entergy New Orleans, LLC (“ENO”) is a public utility providing electric and natural gas service to New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, ENO is a wholly owned subsidiary of Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Council has recognized the importance of improving demand response consistently, and in the wake of Hurricane Ida, stakeholders called for more access to battery storage; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2022, ENO filed an application requesting to implement the Battery Storage Demand Response Pilot Program (“Pilot Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Pilot Program would include “30 residential customers with existing solar-connected smart battery systems” and connect them to the battery system; and

WHEREAS, ENO estimated the bill impact for the typical residential customer would be \$0.03; and

WHEREAS, ENO requested the Pilot Program occur May 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 be; that Honeywell be approved as the Pilot implementer; and that recovery of the Pilot's cost through Rider EECR be approved; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. R-22-266, the Council established a docket and procedural schedule with respect to the Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Affordable Energy ("Alliance") and Together New Orleans intervened; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance submitted comments on the incentive structure, customer class availability, resiliency and equity; and

WHEREAS, the Council noted in Resolution No. R-15-140 that it is not necessary for a pilot program to meet the cost-effectiveness test, rather it is necessary for such programs to produce sufficient data for the Council to evaluate the long-term cost-effectiveness of the program being tested through the pilot; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. R-16-106 the Council further indicated that proposed pilot programs should include (1) the number of customers to be included in order to generate adequate data for evaluation, which customer classes should participate, whether participation is voluntary or mandatory; (2) what data is to be collected and how it will be collected; (3) the duration of the proposed pilot program; (4) draft tariff provisions to implement such a pilot program; and (5) the anticipated costs and rate impact of such a pilot program

WHEREAS, upon review of the Pilot Program and the comments, the Council finds that the Pilot Program meets the criteria set forth in Resolution No. R-16-106, and deems it in the public interest to launch the program; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the Pilot Program is hereby APPROVED to occur May 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 with Honeywell as the implementer and cost recovery through Rider EECR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That ENO is directed to submit a report on to the Council by December 1, 2023, which includes findings related to the Pilot Program and an evaluation of the following:

1. Alternative incentive structures including, but not limited to:
 - a. performance-based incentives to encourage participation in a demand response event, and
 - b. allowing customers to export battery power to the grid during normal conditions, similar to the net metering tariff, to increase incentives and promote battery storage adoption
2. Potential inclusion of non-residential customers, particularly small commercial customers already pursuing battery storage.
3. Strategies to create access for multi-family and low-to-moderate income housing and promote battery storage for grid capacity/load reductions, and resiliency

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Harris - 1

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
Lara W. Johnson
CLERK OF COUNCIL