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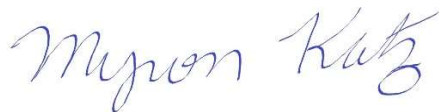
**Re: RESOLUTION AND ORDER ESTABLISHING A DOCKET AND OPENING A
RULEMAKING PROCEEDING TO ESTABLISH RULES FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR
PROJECTS (Docket No. UD-18-03)**

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Please find enclosed ProRate Energy, Inc's petition for intervention regarding the Community Solar Rules in the above-mentioned docket. Please file the attached intervention and this letter in the record of this proceeding. We will submit physical copies at your instruction. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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Cc: Known parties Docket UD-18-03

Before

The Council of the City of New Orleans

**IN RE: RESOLUTION AND ORDER
ESTABLISHING A DOCKET AND
OPENING A RULEMAKING PROCEEDING
TO AMEND RULES FOR COMMUNITY
SOLAR PROJECTS**

Docket No. UD-18-03

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ProRate Energy’s Petition for Intervention and Inclusion on Service List

ProRate Energy (“PRE”) respectfully requests that the Council of the City of New Orleans (“Council”) grants PRE the right to intervene out-of-time in the above captioned proceeding and participate as a party therein.

On December 16, 2021, the Council adopted Council Resolution R-21-472 opening a comment period for parties to respond to intervenor AAE’s Motion to Amend the Community Solar Rules. January 10, 2022, was the deadline for all Parties to file comments in response to intervenor AAE’s December 8, 2021 Motion to Amend the Community Solar Rules. On February 3, 2022, the Council adopted R-22-76 Resolution and Order Amending the Community Solar Rules approving the Alliance for Affordable Energy’s December 8, 2021 Motion to Amend the Community Solar Rules modifying the definition of “Low Income Customers”. Subsequently, Madison Energy Investments, on July 13 also filed a motion to extend the comment period and intervene. On August 10, 2022, the Utility Committee of the Council passed a motion to extend the comment period on this docket for thirty (30) days following acceptance by the full Council.

PRE’s primary founder, Myron Katz, “invented” (as far as he could discern at the time) the original idea that later became known as community solar as part his lead role within the New Orleans Energy Policy Taskforce initiated by the Council in 2005; its 2007 final report, “the Energy Hawk”, described what is now known as “community solar” as “Remote-Displaced Generation” and lists it in its short list of most significant suggestions to improve the Council’s utility regulation activities—right along with Integrated Resource Planning (IRP). Indeed, those suggestion were chosen to best help to guide the Council going forward to improve energy policy at that time, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Only the IRP suggestion was accepted.

In 2016, during the 2015 IRP, Building Science Innovators (“BSI”) [in which Myron Katz is a principal], an intervenor, introduced an innovative rate design, called Customer Lowered Electricity Price, (CLEP) to help move that docket more effectively towards the IRP’s intended goal. CLEP was promoted as three proposed pilots, one was entitled “CLEP Community Solar Pilot” which spelled out how the CLEP would provide remuneration to all owners of parts of community solar farms without regard to income.

On Feb 1, 2019, within 2018 ENO Rate Case. BSI proposed CLEP as a rate to be included within ENO’s rate structure and showed out how CLEP pays all owners of community solar.

In August 2020, the team that founded ProRate Energy did a study using 2018 MISO’s LMP prices and CLEP’s definition and calculated that rooftop and/or community solar customers would receive almost 14% higher income with CLEP than with Net Energy Metering.

By, mid 2021, ProRate Energy was incorporated as a Louisiana non-profit corporation shortly after its founding members decided to rename CLEP to ProRate.

In late 2021, PRE filed to intervene in the UD-21-03 docket on System Resilience and Storm Hardening. On July 1, 2022, PRE filed direct testimony to UD-21-03 which promoted ProRate and its effects to meet the City’s need in that docket and again spelled out how ProRate would provide remuneration for all owners of community solar.

Thus, for almost two decades the author of this letter has been an avid and persistent promoter of community solar. And, for almost a decade, CLEP, a.k.a., ProRate has been promoted to the Council as, among many other things, a mechanism for providing “superior” remuneration for all owners of community solar.

These facts have motivated PRE’s decision to submit a motion to seek intervenor status to fully participate in this matter. PRE requests that it be placed on the service list of this proceeding and be served with all pleadings, notices orders, and other filings.

All communications and pleadings in this proceeding should be directed to:

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