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**CITY HALL:**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, WILLIAMS, GIARRUSSO, BANKS AND BROSSETT**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INQUIRY INTO ESTABLISHING A SMART CITIES INITIATIVE FOR THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS AND DIRECTING**.
**ENTERGY NEW ORLEANS, LLC TO REPORT WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS
RELATED TO GRID MODERNIZATION**

**DOCKET NO. UD-18-01**

**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; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to its powers of supervision, regulation, and control over public utilities, the Council is responsible for fixing and changing rates and charges of public utilities and making all necessary rules and regulations to govern applications for the fixing and changing of rates and charges of public utilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Entergy New Orleans, LLC ("ENO") is a public utility providing electric and natural gas service to all of New Orleans;[[1]](#footnote-1) and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to its powers of supervision, regulation, and control over public utilities, the Council is responsible for granting utility franchises related to wireless and wireline telecommunications; and

**WHEREAS,** there have been enormous changes to and advances in the state of technology related to electric grids, telecommunications and data systems; and

**WHEREAS,** virtually every aspect of what cities do and how their residents live and work are affected by advanced technology; and

**WHEREAS,** electric grid technology, information and communication technology, the internet of things and other aspects of modern urban life are profoundly affected by how technology is deployed and integrated into all aspects city services and the lives of residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council has repeatedly expressed support for the efficient use of clean sustainable technology to improve the quality of life for our citizens and businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** municipal governments around the globe recognize that deploying sustainable strategies and becoming technologically smarter is necessary to improve quality of life and to gain a competitive advantage in attracting investment and positive growth; and

**WHEREAS,** New Orleans. stands at the edge of this technological frontier and now we have the opportunity to be a true twenty-first century city; and

**WHEREAS,** many cities in this country and around the world have responded to this challenge by investigating, refining and adopting a Smart Cities initiative; and

**WHEREAS,** Smart Cities initiatives are based upon concepts of highly-integrated technology services and systems that are developed and deployed to maximize technology for the benefit of a city's residents and businesses ; and

**WHEREAS,** the cornerstone of a Smart Cities initiative is the modernization of the electric grid and its integration with other technologies; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to electric grid modernization, Smart Cities also incorporate advanced telecommunications and Wi-Fi technology, high speed data services, advanced mobile applications, interactive communications with utility providers, and advanced public safety technology; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council desires to incorporate public safety technology, such as gunshot sensors, smart street lights, crime stat data bases, traffic and crowd management technology, etc. into its Smart Cities initiative; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council has as an overriding goal that the fruits of the Smart Cities Initiative will benefit the entire community, including lower income residents; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 8, 2018 the Council adopted Resolution R-18-36 establishing Docket No. UD-18-01 to conduct the inquiry called for in the Resolution, and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Resolution, ENO was directed to prepare and submit “a report detailing available grid modernization technologies together with a description of how such modernization could be implemented by ENO;” and

**WHEREAS,** ENO submitted its report within the time period set forth in in the Resolution R-18-36; and

**WHEREAS,** the Resolution also directed the Council Utility Advisors “to prepare a report detailing other aspects of technology integration that could be achieved consistent with the Smart Cities initiative. The report shall also examine and report on strategies to assure that the fruits of the initiative will benefit the entire community, including lower income residents;” and

**WHEREAS,** theResolution further directed the Advisors to establish an appropriate procedural schedule; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS THAT:**

1. A comment period for Intervenors is hereby established that will run for ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this Resolution during which time Intervenors may submit comments on the ENO grid modernization report and/or on other aspects of technology integration that could be considered consistent with the Smart Cities initiative, including, but not limited to, strategies to assure that the fruits of the initiative will benefit the entire community, including lower income residents.
2. Within ninety (90) days of the close of the Intervenor comment period a public comment process shall be established to receive broad public comment, at two separate public meetings, on the ENO report, Intervenor comments and other related matters.
3. Within ninety (90) days of the completion of the public comment period, the Council Utility Advisors are directed to provide a report to the Council generally summarizing comments submitted by the Intervenors and the public and to provide a full analysis of all relevant data and information, including the ENO grid modernization report, relative to the Smart Cities initiative, together with recommendations for proceeding with the initiative.

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

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

1. On November 30, 2017, Entergy New Orleans, Inc. undertook a restructuring which resulted in the transfer of substantially all of its assets and operations to Entergy New Orleans, LLC, which since that date provides retail electric and gas utility service to New Orleans. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)