

RESOLUTION

NO. R-22-__

CITY HALL: June 9, 2022

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, MORRELL, HARRIS, 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” or “the Company”) is a public utility providing electric and natural gas service to all of New Orleans; and

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

WHEREAS, the Council has long proclaimed the importance of improving demand response and in the wake of Hurricane Ida ratepayers 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 estimates the bill impact for the typical residential customer would be \$0.03; 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-15-140 the Council clarified that an application with the Council for an Energy Smart pilot program must include, at a minimum: (a) incentive costs, non-incentive costs and kWh savings (in some cases where the supporting calculations require, individual measures should be shown within a program) for each individual pilot program proposed; (b) EM&V spending at 6.5%; (c) lost contribution to fixed costs including the adjusted gross margin calculation; and (d) a program description that includes the objective of the pilot, including results, as appropriate, that will provide data to determine cost-effectiveness should a full implementation of the program be considered.; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 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; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, that:

1. The matter set forth herein shall be considered in Council Docket UD-22-03
2. Jeffrey S. Gulin shall be appointed the Hearing Officer to preside over this inquiry pursuant to the City of New Orleans Code of Ordinances. In presiding over the inquiry, the Hearing Officer is directed to administer the proceedings and for good

cause shown and as required by the circumstances of the proceedings and as discussed herein, the Hearing Officer shall have the authority to change or amend the dates established set forth herein.

3. ENO is designated as a party to these proceedings.
4. The Council's Advisors are directed to fully participate in the proceeding, including conducting discovery, to ensure that the Council's objectives for this docket are achieved.
5. Stakeholders desiring to intervene shall file a motion to intervene with the Clerk of Council no later than June 24, 2022, with a copy submitted electronically to Bobbie Mason (bfmason1@nola.gov). The Council's requirements for motions to intervene may be found in the City Code at sections 158-236, 158-240, 158-286, 158-287, 158-288, 158-322, and 158-324. Objections to motions to intervene shall be filed within 5 days of such requests. Timely-filed motions to intervene not objected to within that time period shall be deemed **GRANTED**.
6. Parties are directed to submit to the Council a comments in response to ENO's proposed Pilot Program. Such comments must be submitted no later than August 1, 2022 and should include:
 - a. Whether the Council's criteria for approval of a pilot program have been met;
 - b. Whether it is appropriate to include the proposed pilot program is within the Energy Smart Program Year 12 budget with costs to be recovered through the Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider;
 - c. Whether the estimated costs are appropriate;
 - d. Whether the proposed scope (30 residential customers) should be modified;
 - e. Whether the proposed 5-month duration should be modified; and
7. Whether Honeywell should be used as the implementer of the Pilot Program.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.