

**BEFORE THE**  
**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

<b>APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY</b>	)	
<b>TO OPERATE AS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	)	
<b>COMPANY AND INCUR INDEBTEDNESS</b>	)	
<b>AND JOINT APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL</b>	)	<b>DOCKET UD-24-01</b>
<b>OF TRANSFER AND ACQUISITION</b>	)	
<b>OF LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY</b>	)	
<b>ASSETS AND RELATED RELIEF</b>	)	

**Order**

On August 19, 2024, Advisors to the Council of the City of New Orleans (“Advisors”) filed a motion (“the Motion”), to which no party previously expressed opposition, regarding the procedural schedule and specifically regarding the waiver of cross-examination and the need for a hearing on the merits.<sup>1</sup> However, by email correspondence of August 20, 2024, counsel for one party, the Sewerage & Water Board (“SWB”) stated, while he did not anticipate any objection, he has been in trial and had not yet discussed the Motion with his client, so could not affirmatively assent to the Motion. Consequently, by Order of August 20, 2024, the Hearing Officer accorded an opportunity to SWB until August 21, 2024, to file an opposition to the Motion. SWB declined to file any opposition. Accordingly, the Motion appears to be unopposed, the hearing on the merits is waived by all parties, and the Motion is HEREBY GRANTED.


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<sup>1</sup> The Motion specifically requests that the parties jointly file the Administrative Record Chart on September 9, 2024, using the chart that was filed in Council Docket UD-18-07 as a template as referenced by the Hearing Officer in the Prehearing Order dated August 6, 2024, to include all of the documents that the parties agree should be submitted to the Council for consideration of this matter at the conclusion of the remaining schedule in this docket.

The procedural schedule is revised as follows:

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FILING	DEADLINES
Rejoinder Testimony of Joint Applicants	September 3, 2024 (unchanged)
Parties Jointly File Administrative Record Chart (as set forth in the Motion)	September 9, 2024
Certification of Record to City Council	September 30, 2024 (unchanged)
Post-hearing Briefs	October 15, 2024 (unchanged)
Post-hearing Reply Briefs	November 1, 2024 (unchanged)

SO ORDERED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2024.



Jeffrey S. Gulin  
Hearing Officer