

May 14, 2025

Via Electronic Mail

Aisha Collier
Assistant Clerk of Council
Room 1E09, City Hall
1300 Perdido St
New Orleans, LA 70112

Re: Resolution and Order **R-25-255** (Docket No. **UD-18-03**)

Dear Ms. Collier,

Per R-25-255, Carpe Diem Developers PR, LLC respectfully submits the following comments relating to UD-18-03, New Orleans' community solar program.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions related to this filing.

Sincerely,

Julian Thomas
Carpe Diem Developers PR, LLC

Dear Councilmembers,

As a Subscriber Organization dedicated to expanding access to affordable, clean energy in New Orleans, we strongly support the proposed revisions to the community solar program rules under Docket UD-18-03. These thoughtful updates—including the alignment of deposit deadlines with Council Resolution R-24-571, the removal of the unnecessary application queue waitlist, and the revised timing for executing interconnection agreements—directly address key obstacles that have hindered the advancement of viable solar projects.

The proposed changes are responsive to current market dynamics and establish a more equitable and efficient process that ensures accountability from all stakeholders, including Entergy New Orleans, in advancing interconnections and project development in a timely manner.

We respectfully urge the Council to adopt these reforms without delay and to ensure their prompt implementation, including the launch of consolidated billing by July 1, 2025, as outlined in Resolution R-24-310. Subscriber Organizations such as ours stand ready to invest in New Orleans, support local job creation, and deliver cost-saving solar energy, particularly to communities historically underserved by the existing energy system.

Establishing clear, consistent, and equitable rules is essential to achieving these goals. We appreciate the Council's continued leadership on clean energy and strongly encourage a timely and successful resolution of this docket.

Sincerely,

Julian Thomas

Carpe Diem Developers PR, LLC

**Before
The Council of the City of New Orleans**

**Re: Resolution and Order R-25-255 Re: Community Solar
(Docket No. UD-18-03)**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have, this May 13, 2025, served the foregoing correspondence upon all other known parties of this proceeding by electronic mail.

Julian Thomas, Jr.

Julian Thomas, Carpe Diem Developers PR, LLC