May 15, 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, the members of Algiers Solar respectfully submit 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,

Thomas Guinan Jr. Algiers Solar, LLC Dear Councilmembers,

Algiers Solar strongly supports the revisions proposed to the community solar program rules under Docket UD-18-03.

- Alignment of deposit deadlines with Council Resolution R-24-571: we would like to prevent future (and unnecessary) bickering between developers and Entergy New Orleans.
- Updated timing around signing interconnection agreements: this one is key, Algiers Solar is in talks with financing sources and the main topic is 'when is the interconnection agreement being signed'. I'm not able to give a definitive answer, putting us at a disadvantage on terms. We ask for the ability to sign an interconnection agreement before the Facilities Study, as the risk of spending >\$100K before interconnection is too high, especially for a new program.
- Consolidated billing as previously directed in R-24-310: I see this as a risk on both sides, Developer and Entergy New Orleans. If Entergy spends on the billing platform and no community solar farms are built, then it's a waste. If Entergy doesn't spend on a billing platform, that will affect customer experience and overall program outcomes. Best option is to build the consolidated billing platform and amortize the cost over the next 25 years, with the thought that Entergy New Orleans will cooperate with developers to achieve the 30MW. At 30MW there should be amply subscribers to defray the cost of putting together the consolidated billing system.

We applaud the Council for getting us here and implore you all to see the docket to completion, so us developers can get going with our work.

Sincerely,

Thomas Guinan Jr. Algiers Solar, LLC Tguinan@tggreenco.com Before The Council of the City of New Orleans

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that I have, this May 15, 2025, served the foregoing correspondence upon all other known parties of this proceeding by electronic mail.

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Thomas Guinan Jr., Algiers Solar, LLC