

May 27, 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, Working Power 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,



Ian Fischer
Working Power LLC

Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the following rule changes in New Orleans' community solar program. Working Power (WP) is pleased to submit comments in support of changes to the existing community solar program. Working Power co-develops and co-owns community solar projects that catalyze local economic development and maximize community benefit beyond typical clean energy generation. We have successfully developed over 15 MW of solar to date. Currently, Working Power is developing two community solar projects with Green Coast Enterprises on New Orleans Public Schools' vacant land l. The installed solar will be dedicated to low-income households participating in the city's community solar program. While we are confident in our ability to build these projects and applaud the revisions to date to the New Orleans community solar program, which help move projects forward, we continue to struggle with operating within the current Entergy interconnection process.

As a developer 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—particularly the alignment of deposit deadlines with Council Resolution R-24-571, the elimination of the unnecessary application queue waitlist, and the updated timing around signing interconnection agreements—address critical barriers hindering solar projects from advancing.

The proposed changes reflect real-world market conditions and establish a fairer, more efficient process that holds all parties accountable, including Entergy New Orleans, for timely progress on interconnections and project development.

We urge the Council to adopt these reforms without delay and to ensure timely implementation, including consolidated billing by July 1, 2025, as directed in R-24-310. Subscriber Organizations like ours are ready to invest in New Orleans, create local jobs, and deliver cost-saving solar energy to residents, especially those historically underserved by the energy system. We have been delighted to see New Orleans' community solar program improve with each rule change. These proposed changes are essential for a successful program that promotes business development and increases New Orleans' access to affordable, clean energy.

Sincerely,

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Ian Fischer, Working Power LLC

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

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(Docket No. UD-18-03)**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have, this May 27, 2025, served the foregoing correspondence upon all other known parties of this proceeding by electronic mail.

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Ian Fischer; Working Power LLC