



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, South Coast Solar 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,

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To New Orleans City Councilmembers,

As a Subscriber Organization supporting equitable access to clean energy in New Orleans, we emphatically support the proposed revisions to the community solar program rules under Docket UD-18-03. These updates are not just helpful—they are essential to unlocking the community solar market and removing systemic barriers that have stalled progress for far too long.

The alignment of deposit deadlines with Council Resolution R-24-571, the elimination of the burdensome application queue waitlist, and the clarification of timelines for signing interconnection agreements represent long-overdue corrections to a program that has not kept pace with the market or the New Orleans community's needs. These changes are practical, reasonable, and vital for creating a regulatory environment where viable solar projects can move forward confidently and predictably.

Just as importantly, the proposed reforms help ensure that all stakeholders are held accountable for timely action and transparent communication. For too long, unnecessary delays and procedural inefficiencies have obstructed progress, limiting investment, job creation, and the delivery of solar benefits to New Orleanians, particularly low- and moderate-income households that stand to gain the most from community solar.

We urge the Council to adopt these reforms without delay and to ensure their swift implementation, including the full deployment of consolidated billing by July 1, 2025, as already mandated under R-24-310. The people of New Orleans deserve an energy system that works for them, not just in theory, but in practice.

Subscriber Organizations like ours are ready to invest in the city, create high-quality local jobs, and bring cost savings to residents who the traditional utility model has underserved. But we cannot do so without a fair, functional, and enforceable community solar framework.

We thank the Council for its leadership on clean energy and respectfully call on you to bring this docket to a timely and decisive close. New Orleans has the opportunity to lead the region in community solar, and with your action now, that opportunity can become a reality.

Sincerely,

Scott Oman  
South Coast Solar



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 27th, 2025, served the foregoing correspondence upon all other known parties of this proceeding by electronic mail.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Oman", is written over a horizontal line.

Scott Oman – South Coast Solar