RESOLUTION

NO. R-25-298

CITY HALL: <u>May 8, 2025</u>

BY: COUNCILMEMBER MORENO

SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER MORRELL

RESOLUTION AND ORDER EXTENDING PHASE II OF ENTERGY NEW ORLEANS, LLC'S BATTERY STORAGE DEMAND RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM

DOCKET UD-22-03

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans ("Charter"), the Council of the City of New Orleans ("Council") is the governmental body with the power of supervision, regulation, and control over public utilities providing service within the City of New Orleans ("City"); and

WHEREAS, Entergy New Orleans, LLC ("ENO") is a public utility providing electric and natural gas service to New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, ENO is a wholly owned subsidiary of Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Council has recognized the importance of improving demand response consistently, and in the wake of Hurricane Ida, stakeholders called for more access to battery storage; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2022, ENO filed an application requesting to implement the Battery Storage Demand Response Pilot Program ("Pilot Program"), which would include "30 residential customers with existing solar-connected smart battery systems" and connect them to the Distributed Energy Resource Management System platform; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2022, the Council approved Resolution R-22-483, granting ENO's request to implement the Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2023, ENO filed its report on Phase I of the Pilot Program and requested approval of Phase II; and

WHEREAS, as part of Phase II, the Pilot Program would be expanded to up to 140 customers (125 residential customers and 15 small commercial customers) and ENO would partner with EnergyHub as the program implementer; and

WHEREAS, ENO proposed implementing Phase II during Program Year 14 of Energy Smart; and

WHEREAS, ENO anticipates the cost of Phase II at \$236,466, requests recovery through the Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery ("EECR") Rider, and estimates that the bill impact of Phase II for residential customers would be approximately \$0.08; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2024, the Council approved ENO's application for Phase II; and WHEREAS, on December 13, 2024, ENO filed an Application for Approval of the Extension of Phase Two of the Battery Energy Storage Demand Response Program, for Program Year 15 of Energy Smart; and

WHEREAS, ENO anticipates that the overall costs for Phase II, including the extension, will remain the same, and requests recovery through the EECR Rider; and

WHEREAS, on review of ENO's Application for Approval of the Extension of Phase Two of the Battery Energy Storage Demand Response Program, the Council finds that the Phase II extension of the Pilot Program meets the criteria set forth in Resolution No. R-16-106, and deems it in the public interest to continue the program; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That

- 1. ENO's request to extend Phase II of the Pilot Program during Energy Smart Program Year 15 is GRANTED.
- 2. ENO's request for EnergyHub to continue to serve as the Phase II program implementer is GRANTED.
- 3. ENO's request to recover the cost of the Phase II extension, through Program Year 15 of Energy Smart, of the Pilot Program through Rider EECR is GRANTED.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

Giarrusso, Green, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 5

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ABSENT:

Harris, King - 2

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
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