

**BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

DOCKER NO. UD-24-02

**ORDER
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

On October 24, 2024, the full Council for the City of New Orleans issued Resolution No. R-24-624, providing for intervention by interested parties by November 15, 2024. On December 18, 2025, the Council issued Resolution No. R-25-669, established a distributed energy resources (DER) program as a three-year Phase III of the Energy Smart Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Pilot Program. On April 23, 2026, the Council issued Resolution No. R-26-250 directing supplemental filings and further proceedings and providing a limited additional procedural schedule for parties to conduct discovery and comment on proposed changes to the DER program as approved in R-25-669.

In R-25-669 the Council recognized that there may be a need *to implement additional proceedings, to ensure consistency with Council policy, ratepayer protections, and the public interest.*

Final comments for Docket Number UD-24-02 are due June 22, 2026. The Hearing Officer believes that it is in the best interest of all the parties, especially the public, to conduct a virtual conference to be held on June 10, 2026.

Therefore the CURO is now tasked with creating a platform for this virtual conference.

Any objection to the above order must be made within five workdays of this order.

SO ORDERED, THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2026

**JUDGE CALVIN JOHNSON
HEARING OFFICER**

and may direct the responsible entities to make revisions as the Council deems necessary, or

Good afternoon, everyone,

Thank you for your participation in this docket. We have been monitoring the current procedural schedule, including the current round of discovery, and believe the parties would benefit from a virtual conference before the final comments are due June 22.

With this email, I am requesting that Judge Johnson allow parties time to respond to this recommendation. My suggested date and time for the conference is Wednesday, June 10, at 10 a.m.