

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

<i>IN RE: A RULEMAKING</i>)	
PROCEEDING TO ESTABLISH)	
RULES FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR)	DOCKET NO. UD-18-03
PROJECTS)	

ORDER

On April 6, 2023, the Council adopted resolution R-23-130, which, *inter alia*, provided for the filing of “additional Comments” by the parties by June 16, 2023, and additional Reply Comments by July 7, 2023.

On July 7, 2023, ProRate Energy filed additional Reply Comments, but on July 12, 2023, filed a 16-page “Supplement” to the July 7 Comments. The Supplement is not timely, nor expressly prescribed under R-23-130 *supra*.

Any party that objects to the filing of said Supplement by ProRate may file such objection by **July 14, 2023**. In the absence of any objections filed by July 14, 2023, ***and without further order of the Hearing Officer***, said supplemented additional Reply Comments shall be admitted into the evidentiary record.

The Hearing Officer deems it prudent to express a disturbing observation, and in so doing, does NOT intend to single out ProRate among other Intervenors. In recent times, and in

particular respecting this somewhat unique Docket, the Hearing Officer has observed an unfortunate *quod parum cesserit* (“anything goes”) attitude reflected by the filings of numerous intervenors. There is no need to detail the history of this Docket, nor recent trends in other dockets. However, Intervenors should be cognizant that, even if a late or improper filing is accepted or admitted due to lack of objection, such filings are not only disruptive and obstructive to the orderly procedural process, such conduct needlessly generates **additional costs to all ratepayers of New Orleans**. Such filings generate additional costs to ENO, but also additional time and/or billing by the Advisors, Hearing Officer, and CURO staff – **ultimately borne by ratepayers**. Accordingly, the Hearing Officer respectfully admonishes all parties to prospectively abide procedural deadlines and norms.

So ORDERED, this 12th day of July, 2023.



Jeffrey S. Gulin
Hearing Officer