

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

**IN RE: SYSTEM RESILIENCY AND  
STORM HARDENING**

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**DOCKET NO. UD-21-03**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to Council Resolution R-23-74, issued on February 16, 2023, Final Comments were due by July 21, 2023.

However, on July 24, 2023, ProRate filed comments previously submitted in Docket 18-03<sup>1</sup>, and apparently now requests said comments to be accepted as Final Comments in the instant Docket, though again untimely filed. ProRate, and all parties hereto, have been previously admonished that the Hearing Officer's duty of fidelity to procedural schedules recently has been tested to the limit. *See e.g.*, Docket 18-03, Order of July 12, 2023 at 1-2. The time has well past that all parties undertake serious efforts to abide procedural schedules. **Accordingly, the filings of ProRate on July 24, 2023, shall NOT be included in the evidentiary record of this Docket.**

**Moreover, Parties to Council Utility dockets are hereby notified that, whether or not other parties file objections to untimely filings, in the absence of a showing of good cause,**

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<sup>1</sup> Indeed, even some of those comments were untimely filed in Docket 18-03.

untimely filings shall NOT be admitted into the evidentiary record by this Hearing Officer (they shall merely be included in the administrative record) with this Hearing Officer's recommendation that they not be considered as substantive evidence by the Council in its deliberations.

Going forward, any party that anticipates a late filing, or seeks to revise the procedural schedule, should seek PRIOR assent of all other parties, or, file IN ADVANCE of the expiration of the deadline, a motion to file late or to revise the schedule.

So ORDERED, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.



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Jeffrey S. Gulin  
Hearing Officer