

RESOLUTION

NO. R-26-220

CITY HALL: May 21, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MCCARRON, MORRELL, WILLARD, HARRIS, GREEN, KING AND HUGHES

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER ESTABLISHING RULEMAKING TO CONSIDER
REVISING THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN RULES WITH RESPECT TO
DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES**

DOCKET NO. UD-26-01

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its powers of supervision, regulation and control over public utilities, the Council is responsible for fixing and changing rates and charges of public utilities, making all necessary rules and regulations governing the terms and conditions of service, applications for the fixing and changing of rates and charges of public utilities, and all other regulatory proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Entergy New Orleans, LLC (“ENO”) is a public utility providing electric service to all of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2017, the Council adopted Resolution R-17-332, adopting new IRP rules, which were later amended in R-17-429 to add a statement of purpose to the rules and clarify what actions the Council might take in response to the filing. The rules adopted in R-17-429, the “Electric Utility Integrated Resource Plan Rules of the Council of the City of New Orleans” (“IRP Rules”) are the currently effective IRP Rules for New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2025, the Council adopted Resolution No. R-25-629 accepting and approving ENO’s 2024 IRP Final Report and its Action Plan, and granting parties 90 days to comment on certain recommendations made by the Advisors for future IRP proceedings; and

WHEREAS, in their Advisors’ Report on the 2024 IRP Final Report, the Advisors noted that other ongoing Council dockets regarding distributed energy resources (“DERs”) are likely to implement changes to Council policies around DERs that will impact the IRP analyses, and that technological and market changes regarding DERs have occurred since the Council’s current IRP Rules were adopted.¹ The Advisors identified several areas where the current IRP Rules need to be revised to better reflect these changes, and recommended that the Council consider opening a proceeding to evaluate revising the IRP Rules with respect to how DERs are included in both the DSM Potential Study and the IRP analyses to reflect these recent developments;² and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2026, ENO submitted the *Comments of Entergy New Orleans, LLC’s on Advisor Recommendations for Future IRP* (“ENO Comments”). The ENO Comments were generally supportive of the Advisors’ recommendations to update the IRP Rules to account for developments in the types and characteristics of DERs since the most recent IRP Rules were adopted in 2017, and set forth proposed edits to the definition of “Distributed Energy Resources” under the IRP Rules, as well as an explanation of the different types of distributed resources that are either currently deployed in New Orleans or planned for deployment in the future, and how Entergy’s System Planning & Operations group treats each of the distributed resources in developing portfolios through the IRP analyses; and

¹ Advisors’ Report at 37.

² Advisors’ Report at 37-38.

WHEREAS, no other comments were filed regarding the Advisors' recommendations;
and;

WHEREAS, in light of the Advisors' recommendations, ENO's comments, developments in other Council dockets regarding DERs, and technological and market changes to DERs since the Council last amended the IRP Rules in 2017, the Council hereby wishes to establish a docket and procedural schedule to evaluate revising the IRP Rules with respect to how DERs are included in both the DSM Potential Study and the IRP analyses to reflect these recent developments; **NOW**

THEREFORE

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

1. The Council hereby establishes Docket No. UD-26-01 to consider revising the IRP Rules with respect to how DERs are included in both the DSM Potential Study and the IRP analyses.
2. The Council appoints the Honorable Jeffrey Gulin as Hearing Officer in this docket, who shall, for good cause shown, and as required by the circumstances of the proceedings, have authority to change or amend the procedural dates set forth herein.
3. ENO is designated as a party to these proceedings.
4. The Council's Advisors are directed to participate fully in the proceeding, including submitting comments, and/or drafting reports as needed to ensure that the Council's objectives for this docket are achieved.
5. The following procedural schedule is adopted:
 - a. Stakeholders desiring to intervene shall file a motion to intervene with the Clerk of Council no later than Friday, June 5, 2026, with a copy submitted electronically to Byron Minor (byron.minor@nola.gov). The Council's requirements for motions to intervene may be found in the City Code at sections 158-27, 158-29, 158-30, 158-31, and 158-32. Objections to motions to intervene shall be filed within 5 days of such requests. Timely filed motions to intervene not objected to within that time period shall be deemed **GRANTED**.
 - b. The Parties, CURO and the Advisors shall convene a virtual technical conference June 9, 10, or 11 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, to discuss revising the IRP Rules with respect to how DERs are included in both the DSM Potential Study and the IRP analyses. The Parties are encouraged to work toward consensus regarding necessary changes.

- c. By Thursday, June 18, 2026, Parties and Advisors shall submit their proposals for specific language changes to the IRP Rules with respect to how DERs are included in both the DSM Potential Study and the IRP analyses.
- d. By Friday, July 17, 2026 Parties and Advisors shall submit comments regarding the proposed changes.
- e. By Friday, July 31, Parties and Advisors shall submit reply comments on the proposed changes.
- f. By Friday, August 7, the Hearing Officer shall certify the record and submit it to the Council for final consideration.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.