

Aisha Collier  
Assistant Clerk of Council

Room 1E09, City Hall

1300 Perdido St  
New Orleans, LA 70112

Re: **Advisors' Report on VPP** (Docket No. **UD-24-02**)

Dear Ms. Collier,

The Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition respectfully submits the attached filing in docket **UD-24-02** pertaining to the City's **Distributed Energy Resource Program**.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions related to this filing.

Sincerely,

*Peter Digre*

Peter Digre, Secretary

Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition

## **Response to Advisors Report on UD-24-02: DER Docket**

**The Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition concurs with and supports the Together New Orleans and the Alliance for Affordable Energy’s critique of the Advisors’ Report on UD-24-02: DER Docket.**

**Specifically, we concur that: “The Advisors’ report, though framed in conciliatory language, is a tacit endorsement of ENO’s control, incrementalism and inaction. It discards the SERI funds that are uniquely available to jump-start this effort, offers no path to affordability and delays meaningful deployment past the window when federal funds are accessible.**

**From the standpoint of TNO and AAE’s goals — independent administration, affordability, enforceable timelines — the Advisors’ report is not a compromise. It is not even a recommendation. It is, simply, a failure to recommend or propose anything.**

**If adopted, it would set New Orleans on a path toward entrenched bureaucratic inertia and elite access, rather than urgent, equitable resilience. The Council should reject the report's central premises and move to adopt a framework that saves lives, saves money and strengthens the grid — a plan that is neutral, inclusive and moves with urgency.”**

**Before**  
**The Council of the City of New Orleans**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that I have, this Aug 4, 2025, served the foregoing correspondence upon all other known parties of this proceeding by electronic mail.

*Peter Digne*

Secretary

The Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition