

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