

RESOLUTION

NO. R-24-309

CITY HALL: July 25, 2024

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, MORRELL, HARRIS, GREEN AND THOMAS

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER ESTABLISHING A COMMENT PERIOD RELATED TO
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IDLE FEES ON THE USE OF ELECTRIC
VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE**

DOCKET UD-18-01

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and 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 (“City”); and

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

WHEREAS, ENO is a wholly owned subsidiary of Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC. ENO, and four other Entergy subsidiaries, Entergy Arkansas, LLC; Entergy Louisiana, LLC; Entergy Mississippi, LLC; and Entergy Texas, Inc. are the Entergy Operating Companies (“EOC”); and

WHEREAS, the Council established in Council Resolution No. R-18-100 (“Resolution”) that the “use of electric vehicles is in the public interest and is consistent with Council Resolution Nos. R-17- 428 (Resolution Regarding Climate Action for a Resilient New Orleans Strategy) and R-17-303 (Resolution supporting the Paris Agreement) and should therefore be encouraged,” and that “the construction, location and operation of electric vehicle charging stations is in the public interest and should be encouraged;” and

WHEREAS, in the Resolution the Council established Council Utility Docket No. UD-18-02 to consider “other regulatory matters related to electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations...,” beyond the “limited issue” addressed in the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, matters relating to electrical vehicle charging infrastructure (“EVCI”) have been addressed in Council Utility Docket No. UD-18-01 (Smart Cities and Grid Modernization), Council Docket UD-18-02 (Electric Vehicles - merged with Council Docket UD-18-01), and Council Docket UD-18-07 (2018 Rate Case); and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. R-18-537 the Council directed an expansive and ongoing information gathering process to “provide the Council with the maximum amount of information to make the broadest and most comprehensive evaluation of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging matters to develop sound policy decisions...;” and

WHEREAS, the ongoing process led to several other EV and EVCI related resolutions, all directed toward encouraging broader and more rapid EV adoption in the City, and

WHEREAS, in Council Utility Docket No. UD-18-07 (“2018 Rate Case”) the Council approved an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Rider (“EVCI Rider”) that allowed ENO to construct, own, and operate electric vehicle charging infrastructure on customers’ property and recover the costs over ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, in the 2018 Rate Case the Council also authorized ENO to invest \$500, 000 in 30-50 free-to-use electric vehicle chargers located on public property after determining siting locations through a stakeholder process (“ENO Level 2 Public Chargers”); and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2023, ENO reported to the Council that, after a collaborative process to determine locations, thirty (30) ENO Level 2 Public Chargers, with fifty-nine (59) plugs, had been installed throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, when ENO filed a request for approval of public direct current fast charging station project in Docket UD-18-07, the Council found it appropriate to consider the Request to Modify in both Council Dockets UD-18-01 and UD-18-07; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2023, the Council adopted Resolution No. R-23-396 establishing a procedural schedule under Council Docket No. UD-18-01 to consider a broad range of issues related to ECVI; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2023, ENO filed a Request to Modify Its Electric Rate Schedules and for Approval of Public Charging for Electric Vehicles Rate Schedule in which ENO requested approval of the Public Charging for Electric Vehicles Rate Schedule whereby ENO would collect an initial charging rate of \$0.00 per kWh and an idle fee rate of \$0.30 per minute (“Idle Fee Application”) subject to future changes with notification to the Council; and

WHEREAS, customers utilizing ENO Level 2 Public Chargers would incur the idle fee after the expiration of a thirty (30) minute grace period; and

WHEREAS, during the proceedings authorized by Resolution No. R-23-396 under Council Docket UD-18-01, parties submitted comments on a wide range of issues, including the implementation of idle fees; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that parties to Docket UD-18-01 should have the opportunity to comment specifically on ENO’s Idle Fee Application; as a result, the application should be considered as part of Docket UD-18-01; **NOW THEREFORE**

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

1. Parties to Docket UD-18-01 shall submit comments related to ENO’s Idle Fee Application to the service list no later than Monday, August 19, 2024.

2. For the purpose of this procedural schedule, comments related to the implementation of idles fees submitted in Docket UD-18-01 pursuant to the procedural schedule adopted in Resolution R-23-396 are admitted as part of the record for this proceeding.

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

YEAS: Giarrusso, Harris, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Green, King - 2

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
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