

**RESOLUTION
R-17-428**

CITY HALL: August 10, 2017

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS WILMAMS, HEAD, GUIDRY, BROSSETT AND GRAY

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CLIMATE ACTION FOR A RESILIENT NEW
ORLEANS STRATEGY**

WHEREAS, international scientific consensus has determined that global climate change due to human activity is causing our planet to warm at an unsustainable rate; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans' geographical landscape and position make the city especially vulnerable to the ill effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Council has recently reaffirmed its longstanding commitment to achieving a sustainable, resilient future with reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Council also recently reaffirmed its commitment to the principles of the Paris Agreement and declared its intent to continue to adhere to the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Council is committed to fulfilling its duty to ensure that reliable and affordable energy is provided to the citizens of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Council's efforts, working with ENO regarding its resource portfolio over the last decade, ENO's carbon emissions are already 50% below the national average with less than 4% of its energy portfolio coming from coal and 2016 statistics indicating that number may be as small as 2%; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Council's regulatory path, ENO is on pace to reduce its coal component to less than 1% before the Mayor's goal date of 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Council has also pressed ENO for greater use of renewable generation sources, which has resulted in a written commitment by ENO to add up to 100 MW of zero carbon emitting renewables to its energy portfolio; and

WHEREAS, over the years the Council has founded, substantially enlarged, and increased funding for its award-winning Energy Smart energy efficiency program; and

WHEREAS, the Council has also managed to keep electric rates among the lowest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2017, Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu issued Executive Order MJL 17-06 adopting the "Climate Action for a Resilient New Orleans" strategy ("Climate Action Strategy") with an ambitious goal to achieve additional reductions in the community's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Council welcomes the Administration's interest in and support for the pursuit of sustainable energy policies for the City, and commends the Administration for the considerable effort and resources devoted to developing the Climate Action Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Council looks forward to the further development of the concepts set forth in the Climate Action Strategy; now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS THAT: the New Orleans City Council supports the City's goal to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions dramatically by 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Council commits to work with the Administration in the further development of the concepts set forth in the Climate Action Strategy in the hopes of achieving its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions dramatically by

2030 in a manner consistent with the Council's duty to ensure the reliable provision of energy to the citizens of New Orleans at just and reasonable rates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Council directs its Utility Advisors and the Council Utilities Regulatory Office to work with the Administration, and as each proposal for a specific action affected by the Climate Action Strategy that requires Council approval comes forward, the Utility, Cable, Telecommunications and Technology Committee shall open an appropriate docket to provide a full and transparent process, including all stakeholders, to examine the proposed action and develop a supportable regulatory strategy and administrative record upon which to base Council action.

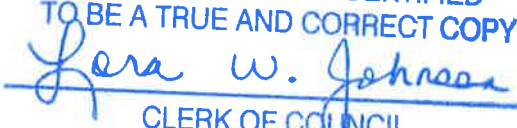
THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cantrell, Gray, Guidry, Head, Ramsey, Williams - 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Brossett - 1

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY

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