

**RESOLUTION**

**No. R-18-537**

**CITY HALL: December 20, 2018**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, MORENO, GIARRUSSO, BANKS AND NGUYEN**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER ESTABLISHING AN INFORMATION GATHERING SCHEDULE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INQUIRY INTO REGULATORY AND RELATED MATTERS CONCERNING ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING FACILITIES**

**DOCKET NO. 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; 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 and making all necessary rules and regulations to govern applications for the fixing and changing of rates and charges of public utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Entergy New Orleans, LLC (“ENO”) is a public utility providing electric and natural gas service to all of New Orleans;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the Council addressed certain limited matters related to the status of certain electric vehicle charging stations under the Code of the City of New Orleans in Resolution No. R-18-100; and

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<sup>1</sup> On November 30, 2017, Entergy New Orleans, Inc. undertook a restructuring, which resulted in the transfer of substantially all of its assets and operations to Entergy New Orleans, LLC, which since that date provides retail electric and gas utility service to New Orleans.

**WHEREAS**, in that resolution the Council acknowledged that “there are other regulatory related matters concerning electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations that go beyond the limited issue addressed in the resolution;”<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution also established Docket No. UD-18-02 for the consideration of matters related to electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging; and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution further directed the Council Utility Advisors to propose and implement a process for the gathering of additional information including public comment and development of additional proposed actions as are deemed necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council directed the Advisors to file a report with the Council within ninety (90) days of the resolution, which report was timely filed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that electric vehicles cover a range of vehicle categories including, but not limited to the following:

- Plug-in hybrids and all-electric vehicles;
- Individually owned vehicles such as cars, light trucks and SUVs;
- Corporate fleets;
- Commercial vehicles;
- Government vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also recognized that electric vehicle charging mechanisms and purposes may refer to home and residential devices; publicly accessible charging stations; corporate fleet charging stations and government vehicle charging stations; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous topics that should be addressed in order to develop the most comprehensive policy toward electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging including, but not limited to, the following:

- Electric vehicle sales, ownership and estimates of penetrations both current and future by usage type;
- Electric vehicle charging stations installed and projected to be installed in the City of New Orleans;

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<sup>2</sup> Resolution No. R-18-100 at 4.

- The impact of charging stations on ENO’s electric distribution system reliability and regulated utility infrastructure;
- The impact of electric vehicle charging on ENO’s capacity and generation needs;
- The use of electricity generation sources other than that provided by the regulated utility to supply power to charging stations, such as on-site photovoltaic solar capacity;
- Public safety issues and concerns;
- Regulated utility interconnection requirements including monitoring, control, communications requirements, and form of standard interconnection agreement;
- Rate design, time differentiated rate structures, and specialized rate tariffs for charging station service, including pilot service schedules;
- Utilization of electric vehicles as a regulated utility electric resource;
- Costs and benefits attributable to electric vehicle usage and electric vehicle charging;
- Development of an “electric vehicle highway” route;
- Matters related to autonomous vehicles and electric vehicles;
- Matters related to land use issues affecting electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has directed that the information gathering process must be comprehensive, transparent and inclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, the information gathering process should 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 within the framework and goals of the Smart City initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council by Resolution No. R-18-\_\_\_\_ merged the Electric Vehicle Docket (Docket No. UD-18-02) with the instant Smart Cities Docket (Docket No. UD-18-01);

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS THAT:**

1. Within ten (10) days of the adoption of this resolution by the Council public notice shall be given of the schedule adopted herein for participation of interested parties.
2. On or before January 31, 2019, all interested parties shall file with the Council notification of intent to participate and/or file public comments.
3. On or before February 28, 2019, each participant shall file with the Council a list of proposed relevant issues.
4. On or before March 7, 2019, the Advisors shall file with the Council and distribute to all participants a proposed list of issues to be addressed.
5. On or before March 28, 2019, the Advisors shall convene the first technical conference for participants to develop a consensus list of issues to be addressed.
6. On or before April 18, 2019, the Advisors shall file with the Council the consensus issues list.
7. On or before May 16, 2019, participants shall file comments with the Council.
8. On or before June 20, 2019, the Advisors shall file their comments with the Council.
9. On or before July 5, 2019, a second participant technical conference shall be held and a separate public meeting shall be held.

10. On or before August 15, 2019, the Advisors shall file their report and recommendations with the Council.

11. The Utility Advisors and ENO are designated as participants to these proceedings.

**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.**