

RESOLUTION

NO. R-21-152

CITY HALL: May 6, 2021

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, GLAPION, GIARRUSSO, BANKS AND
BROSSETT**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER DIRECTING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE
WEATHERIZATION OF GENERATING UNITS SERVING ENTERGY NEW
ORLEANS, LLC LOAD AND THEIR ABILITY TO OPERATE IN EXTREME
WEATHER CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans ("Charter"), 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, Entergy New Orleans, LLC ("ENO" or "the Company"), effective September 1, 2015, is a public utility providing electric and natural gas service to all of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, ENO is a wholly owned subsidiary of Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC. The other four operating companies are Entergy Arkansas, LLC, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Entergy Mississippi, LLC, and Entergy Texas, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Winter Storm Uri exposed states across the country to extreme cold temperatures from February 13-17, 2021, with temperatures in Texas dropping as low as -2 degrees Fahrenheit, gas fired plants, utility scale wind power, coal plants, and at least one nuclear facility could not operate, and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas was forced to institute rolling blackouts; and

WHEREAS, Winter Storm Uri’s extreme weather resulted in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator to call for Conservation Operations on February 12 and to direct a “pro rata Load Shed” on February 16, which impacted ENO customers; and

WHEREAS, the inability of facilities to operate in the extreme cold was a contributing factor which, in part, led the Council to adopt Resolution R-21-87 directing the Advisors to conduct a forensic investigation into the events surrounding the Load Shed, including “information regarding the operational status of Entergy generation units during Winter Storm Uri and weatherization of generating units serving ENO load and their ability to operate in extreme weather conditions;” and

WHEREAS, during the investigation into the events surrounding the Load Shed, the Advisors requested “all documents in ENO’s possession, custody or control related to the operational status of all generating units serving ENO load throughout the Load Shed Event” and “detailed documentation of the ability of each of the generating units serving ENO load to operate in extreme weather conditions and any weatherization measures utilized at each unit”; and

WHEREAS, while the responses to those requests for information were generally helpful, that information did not fully detail the extent of the weatherization measures installed at the generating facilities serving ENO load; and

WHEREAS, the Advisors filed their report on the Load Shed event April 14, 2021, and found that ENO-owned generation units (New Orleans Power Station and Union Power Station 1) were available during the Event, but more information is needed to understand to what degree these facilities and other generating facilities serving ENO customers can withstand extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, to gather the additional information to fully detail the extent of the weatherization measures installed at each of the generating facilities serving ENO customers, the Advisors will need to have the full cooperation of ENO and the appropriate Entergy representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is in the public interest to ascertain the ability of generation units serving ENO load to function in extreme weather; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the Advisors are directed to work with ENO and gather the additional information necessary for a complete assessment of the extent of the weatherization measures installed at each of the generating units serving ENO load and their ability to operate in extreme weather conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That ENO is directed to cooperate fully with the Advisors in gathering and securing this additional information as well as coordinating the assistance and involvement of Entergy representatives as needed to comply with this directive. The Advisors shall inform the Council at the completion of their assessment and provide specific recommendations regarding further action that may be required by the Council or ENO.

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

YEAS: Banks, Brossett, Giarrusso, Gisleson Palmer, Glapion, Moreno, Nguyen - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
Lera W. Johnson
CLERK OF COUNCIL