



August 8th, 2025

Via Electronic Mail

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,

Louisiana Green Corps 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,

Ryan Mattingly
Louisiana Green Corps



Louisiana Green Corps Statement in Support of Together New Orleans (TNO) Position on the Advisors' Report

Louisiana Green Corps respectfully joins Together New Orleans (TNO) and the Alliance for Affordable Energy (AAE) in expressing concern that the Advisors' recent report does not go far enough to meet our community's urgent resilience needs. While we appreciate the effort to provide a thoughtful and measured assessment, we believe the current recommendations miss important opportunities to deliver timely, equitable, and cost-effective solutions for New Orleans residents.

Our city is fortunate to have access to the State Energy Resilience Initiative (SERI) funds — a rare and powerful resource that could help launch community-based projects to strengthen our grid, safeguard vulnerable residents during extreme weather, and reduce energy costs. We are concerned that the report's decision to set aside these funds, coupled with its lack of a clear plan for affordability and enforceable timelines, could result in delays that put both lives and resources at risk.

Louisiana Green Corps believes that resilience planning should be guided by a few essential principles: independence in administration, affordability for all residents in a way that drives equity, transparency, and a sense of urgency. We believe the current report, while well-intentioned, does not yet meet these standards and may reinforce processes that are too slow to respond to the challenges our city faces.

We encourage the City Council to build on the Advisors' work by adopting a framework that uses all available resources — including the SERI funds — to act quickly, inclusively, and with a long-term vision for equity. New Orleans has a unique chance to create a stronger, fairer energy future, and with the right steps, we can seize this opportunity to protect lives, strengthen our infrastructure, and ensure benefits are shared widely across our community.



**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 8th, 2025 served the foregoing correspondence upon all other known parties of this proceeding by electronic mail.

Ryan Mattingly
Executive Director
Louisiana Green Corps