October 23, 2024

Via Electronic Mail Clerk of Council Room 1E09, City Hall 1300 Perdido Street New Orleans, LA 70112

RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY AND INCUR INDEBTEDNESS AND JOINT APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSFER AND ACQUISITION OF LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY ASSETS AND RELATED RELIEF (UD-24-01)

Dear Clerk,

Please find the enclosed Initial Brief of the Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition for filing under the docket referenced above. We will submit physical copies at your instruction. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory Manning

Pastor Gregory Manning, Chair and Founder

Belle Russmann

Bette Kussmann. Intervenor

Peter Digre

Peter Digre. Secretary and Intervenor

Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition

Before

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AND ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

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INITIAL BRIEF OF THE Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition

The Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition is in opposition to the sale of the ENO gas business to BCA/DSU.

The Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition agrees completely with and fully supports the Initial Brief of the Alliance for Affordable Energy submitted October 15 by Jesse George. We incorporate that Brief in its entirety into this letter of opposition as our own.

GNOICC would like to emphasize the BCA/DSU proposal envisions a vast expansion of the use of methane gas for heating, cooking and other usages in New Orleans. Methane gas is a uniquely powerful greenhouse gas so this proposal will further acerbate the deterioration of the climate contributing to more sea level rise, more powerful hurricanes, more powerful rain bombs and

other negative consequences of our deteriorating climate. Therefore, it is impossible for the Council to support this proposal since it is manifestly not in the best interest of the City and its citizens. If the Council supports this sale it will be acting contrary to the best interests of the City and its citizens because approval of this sale will increase and accelerate the already catastrophic impact of climate change in and around the City of New Orleans.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Digre, Secretary

10/23/2024