



Access to sources of heat, light, and water are vital necessities and have been considered sacred in cultures across the globe and throughout time. Now, in many places, these critical resources are controlled by private, for-profit corporations that place the interest of their shareholders over their obligation to provide affordable, reliable service to their ratepayers.

**We are urging the City Council to declare utility access a human right** and to adopt policies – such as a prohibition on residential disconnections for nonpayment – that protect our community's most vulnerable populations.

## Who Are We?

EFNO is a coalition of diverse people and organizations dedicated to making New Orleans an equitable and renewable energy city for present and future generations.

EFNO was first organized to stand in opposition to Entergy's New Orleans Power Station – a fossil gas-fired power plant in New Orleans East – based on well-researched data showing that it would pollute surrounding Black and Vietnamese neighborhoods and that it would not “blackstart” during catastrophic outages, as Entergy promised. Ultimately, Hurricane Ida in 2021 proved this assertion correct, as the plant sat dark for days after the storm.

## What Have We Achieved?

**May 2021** - Renewable and Clean Portfolio Standard (RCPS) for New Orleans, requiring Entergy to meet an increasing amount of customer demand using renewable and clean technologies

**April 2022** - Ethics ordinance banning campaign contributions to City Council candidates and members from regulated utilities and city contractors

**May 2022** - Resolution prohibiting carbon capture and sequestration infrastructure and projects in Orleans Parish, and a prohibition on the use of public funds for that purpose

**January 2024** - Limited ratepayer impacts associated with Entergy's \$1B ask

Additionally, we host Council candidate forums and community education events to keep New Orleans ratepayers informed and engaged on utility and energy justice issues.