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State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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May 18, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations"

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in full support of our partnership on the proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations", under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740.

The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. The State of Louisiana is excited to have the involvement of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners with common goals and shared commitments to protect and serve vulnerable populations and disadvantaged communities from climate-related threats and energy security risks.

HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes. The State of Louisiana is committed to HERO as a transformative initiative to deploy community-centric and carbon-free resilient infrastructure projects as climate mitigation and adaptation measures as well as deliver sustained value creation for all impacted stakeholders.

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Sincerely,

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LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

May 15, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: LETTER OF COMMITMENT – “HUBS FOR ENERGY RESILIENT OPERATIONS” PROJECT

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of New Orleans, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations” under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

The City of New Orleans is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners.

The City of New Orleans has ambitious renewable energy goals for both climate resilience and sustainability mapped out in our Climate Action Plan, which was adopted in December 2022. The HERO project will serve as an important catalyst to making our goals of installing solar on city facilities a reality.

The City of New Orleans is committed to collaborating with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)

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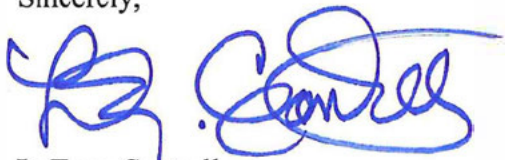
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Sincerely,

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LaToya Cantrell
Mayor, City of New Orleans

May 15, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations"

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Together Louisiana, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations" under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to accelerate abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

Together Louisiana is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners. Together Louisiana is a community-based organization representing more than 150 faith and civic institutions across our state, representing more than 250,000 Louisianans.

Together Louisiana is committed to collaborate with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)

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Sincerely,



Broderick Bagert
Together Louisiana



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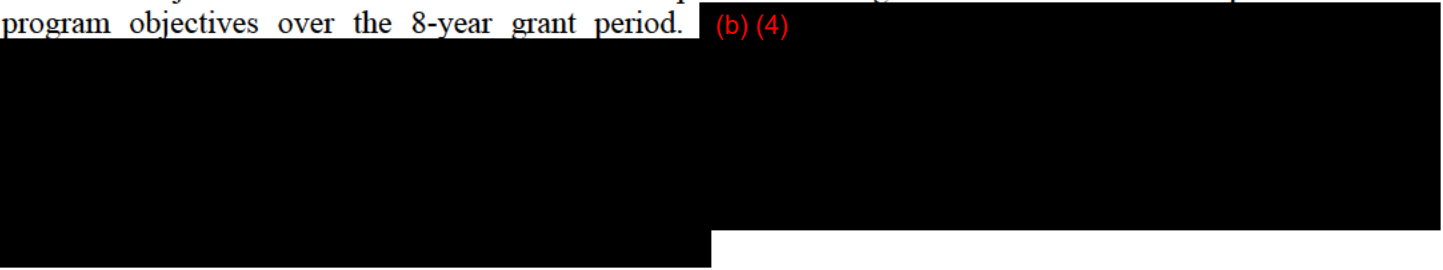
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Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations”

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of The University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL Lafayette), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations” under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

UL Lafayette is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners. UL Lafayette, a Carnegie R1 Research Institution with over \$200M in annual R&D expenditures and over a decade of experience in both solar energy and emergency management, is committed to collaborate with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)



Sincerely,



Dr. Ramesh Kolluru
Vice President for Research,
Innovation & Economic Development
University of Louisiana at Lafayette



XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
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May 17, 2023

Mr. David Crane
Director, Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Director Crane:

On behalf of Xavier University of Louisiana, I enthusiastically support the university's participation as a sub-recipient on the State of Louisiana's proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations" under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategically planned investments in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

Xavier, known for its distinction as the nation's only Catholic and Historically Black College/University (HBCU), is a renowned leader in the STEM and health sciences fields. Xavier has consistently remained the number one undergraduate source of African Americans who complete medical school. As the university continues to be a powerhouse in expanding and diversifying the talent pool of underrepresented minority students, the proposed HERO project further boosts the university's role in advancing grid innovations, and engaging communities in the Gulf Coast region for nearly a century.

Given the university's contributions the nation's STEM research and education, Xavier is proud to serve as an active partner of the HERO project and committed to collaborating with the project partners in this effort. (b) (4)

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The proposed HERO project aligns well with Xavier's intent to introduce a new Bachelor of Science degree in Energy Systems Engineering and build equity in emerging grid technologies. In addition, as the Gulf Coast region marches towards decarbonization, Xavier's proposed project activities aim to develop effective partnerships with the local communities, foster new industrial partnerships, and enrich Xavier's research ecosystem in energy-related areas.

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Sincerely,

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Kaneisha Bailey Akinpelumi
Associate Vice President
Office of Research & Sponsored Programs

May 12, 2023

Deanna Rodriguez
President & CEO, Entergy New Orleans, LLC
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New Orleans, LA 70112

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations”

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Entergy New Orleans, LLC, (ENO), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO)” under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana HERO Project, to establish a foundational approach to accelerate abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

ENO is excited to partner with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners. Entergy New Orleans is the sole power and gas provider for Orleans Parish and is focused on providing affordable and reliable power to its customers.

ENO is committed to collaboration with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide, subject to rate recovery, staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)

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Sincerely,



Deanna Rodriguez
President & CEO
Entergy New Orleans, LLC

May 12, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations"

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Entergy Louisiana, LLC, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations" under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

Entergy Louisiana is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners. Entergy provides electricity to more than 1.1 million customers in 58 parishes in Louisiana and natural gas service to approximately 95,000 customers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Entergy Louisiana is committed to collaboration with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide, subject to rate recovery and any other necessary approvals from the Louisiana Public Service Commission, staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)

Sincerely,



Phillip R. May
President and CEO



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May 17, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

Re: Letter of Commitment for the "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations"

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations" under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

TPCG is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners. TPCG is a unit of government that is parish and city consolidated with one parish council and one parish president that is a southern border parish with the Gulf of Mexico lying in a predominantly flood and storm prone area.

TPCG is committed to collaborate with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)

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Respectfully,


Gordon E. Dove
Parish President



CENTER *for* PLANNING EXCELLENCE

May 8, 2023
The Center for Planning Excellence
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U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations”

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations” under the Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities. CPEX is a Louisiana-based non-profit dedicated to helping Louisiana communities achieve their full potential by developing plans, policies, and best practices that provide pathways to prosperity, climate resilience, health, and equity.

CPEX is committed to collaborate with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period (b) (4)

Sincerely,

Camille Manning-Broome
President/CEO
The Center for Planning Excellence

THE ACCELERATE GROUP | LLC

May 17, 2023

Andrew Barbeau
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U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations”

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of The Accelerate Group, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in full support of our partnership on the proposed project: “**Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations**”, under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740.

The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the **Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project**, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. The Accelerate Group is thrilled to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners with common goals and shared commitments to protect and serve vulnerable populations and disadvantaged communities from climate-related threats and energy security risks.

HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes. The Accelerate Group is committed to HERO as a transformative initiative to deploy community-centric and carbon-free resilient infrastructure projects as climate mitigation and adaptation measures as well as deliver sustained value creation for all impacted stakeholders.

The Accelerate Group is a nation-leading energy innovation firm that provides strategic consulting, project leadership, and subject matter expertise for companies, governments, and not-for-profits working to advance energy, innovation, good government and economic development projects at a local or global scale. The firm has extensive experience with integrated energy planning and microgrid deployment. (b) (4)

Sincerely,



Andrew Barbeau
President, The Accelerate Group

NextGen Energy Partners, L.L.C.

May 5, 2023

Kimberly Ann Johnston
President, NextGen Energy Partners
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Houston, Texas 77019

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations”

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of NextGen Energy Partners, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in full support of our partnership on the proposed project: **“Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations”**, under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740.

The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the **Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project**, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. NextGen Energy Partners is thrilled to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners with common goals and shared commitments to protect and serve vulnerable populations and disadvantaged communities from climate-related threats and energy security risks.

HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes. NextGen Energy Partners is committed to HERO as a transformative initiative to deploy community-centric and carbon-free resilient infrastructure projects as climate mitigation and adaptation measures as well as deliver sustained value creation for all impacted stakeholders.

NextGen Energy Partners brings relevant expertise on grid innovation, resilient power infrastructure, clean energy technologies, and proactively unites public-private-philanthropic sectors on shared climate actions.

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Sincerely,



Kimberly Ann Johnston
NextGen Energy Partners, President



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T. Brian Bond
Vice President
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May 1, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations”

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: “Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations” under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

SWEPCO is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners. SWEPCO is an electric utility operating in Northwest Louisiana serving 235,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers.

SWEPCO is committed to collaborate with the Project Partners in this effort on a number of tasks identified in the HERO application, as appropriate, and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. The amount of funding SWEPCO will provide to this initiative will be determined as more details become available and appropriate LPSC regulatory approvals are obtained.

Sincerely,

T. Brian Bond



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May 17, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations"

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Cleco Power, LLC, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of the proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations" under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

Cleco Power LLC is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and other partners.

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We appreciate the opportunity to support this worthy project.

Best Regards,

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Louisiana State Building & Construction Trades Council
North America's Building Trades Unions

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May 15, 2023

Andrew O'Brien Sr
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U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations"

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Louisiana State Building & Construction Trades Council, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations" under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

Louisiana State Building & Construction Trades Council is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners. Louisiana State Building & Construction Trades Council represents 18 local union chapters in Louisiana.

Louisiana State Building & Construction Trades Council is committed to collaborate with the Project Partners in this effort and will provide staffing and resources to accomplish the shared program objectives over the 8-year grant period. (b) (4)

Sincerely,



Andrew O'Brien Sr
President

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May 17, 2023
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U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
Washington, DC

RE: Letter of Commitment for the "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations"

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Power Strategies, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment in support of our partnership on the proposed project: "Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations" under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) DE-FOA-0002740. The State of Louisiana will launch a strategic energy resilience initiative, the Louisiana Hubs for Energy Resilient Operations (HERO) Project, to establish a foundational approach for accelerating more abundant, affordable, and reliable clean energy for greater power resilience in the face of extreme weather. HERO will advance decarbonization and energy justice goals through strategic planned investment in grid-interactive resilience projects in disadvantaged communities, and through integrated community energy planning processes in partnership with community organizations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and utilities.

Power Strategies is excited to be part of this partnership together with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other partners. (b) (4)



Sincerely,



Jeff Richardson
CEO, Power Strategies