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If the particle's are far away, we can approximate the charged particle's field as uniform, with magnitude $\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$

Choosing the charged particle to coincide w/ the origin, and the neutral atom to rest on the x -axis,

the atom has a dipole given by $\vec{p} = \frac{dq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 l^2} \hat{x}$

This creates an electric field:

$$E(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{x^3} [3(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{x})\hat{x} - \vec{p}] \quad \text{In the present situation,}$$

$$\text{this becomes } \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r^3} [2\vec{p}] = \frac{2dq}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 r^5} \hat{x}$$

So the Force of attraction on the point charge is

$$F = qE_{dp} = \frac{2dq^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 r^5} \hat{x}$$

by Newton's 3rd law, the force on the dipole must be

$$F_{dip} = -F = -\frac{2dq^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 r^5} \hat{x}$$