

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2017
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2017 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER LAMBERT BOISSIERE, VICE CHAIRMAN ERIC SKRMETTA, CHAIRMAN SCOTT ANGELLE, COMMISSIONER MIKE FRANCIS AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EVE KAHAO GONZALEZ.

Open Session of February 17, 2017, convening at 9:35A.M., and adjourning at 12:31P.M., Natchez Room, 602 N. 5th Street, 1st Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-named members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Eve Kahao Gonzalez.

Ex. 1	<p>Executive Counsel, Brandon Frey, announced that the March B&E Meeting will be held at Cypress Bend Resort in Many, Louisiana.</p> <p>Chairman Angelle made a motion to add an item to the agenda regarding robocalls. Vice Chairman Skrmetta seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously agreed to add the item to the agenda and hear discussion of the item under Ex. 12.</p> <p>Chairman Angelle acknowledged former Commissioner James “Jimmy” Field was in the audience.</p>
Ex. 2	<p>T-34260 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Mark Foxworth dba Helping Hand Professional Moving Service (New Orleans, Louisiana) . In re: Alleged violation of La. R.S. 45:161 through 180.1, by engaging in activities related to moving household goods prior to complying with the requirements of La. R.S. 45:164E(1) and General Order dated May 17, 2004; and for failure to comply with the requirements of General Order dated April 3, 2008.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Report of Proceeding and Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve the Affidavit and Stipulation executed February 2, 2017 requiring Helping Hand to remove all advertising and apply for a common carrier certificate prior to transporting household goods intrastate.</p>
Ex. 3	<p>U-34320 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Approval to Implement a Permanent Advanced Metering System and Request for Cost Recovery and Related Relief.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Angelle, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain J. Kennedy and Associates to assist the Commission for the proposed budget of \$64,500 in fees, \$2,400 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$66,900.</p>
Ex. 4	<p>U-34343 - Atmos Energy Corporation. In re: 2016 Rate Stabilization Clause Filing for Trans Louisiana Gas Rate Division</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Boissiere, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain UPC for a budget of \$46,000 in fees and \$3,000 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$49,000.</p>
Ex. 5	<p>X-34324 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchased Gas Adjustment Filings for Trans Louisiana Gas Company and the Louisiana Gas Service Company (Regulatory Divisions of Atmos Energy Corporation) for the period of April 2014 through March 2016.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain UPC for a budget of \$37,000 in fees and \$2,500 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$39,500.</p>

<p>Ex. 6</p>	<p>U-33971 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Environmental Adjustment Clause Filings for Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the period of November 2010 through December 2015.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and Draft Order filed February 3, 2017.</p>
<p>Ex. 7</p>	<p>U-33970 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Environmental Adjustment Clause Filings for Cleco Power LLC for the period of November 2010 through December 2015.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and Draft Order filed January 19, 2017.</p>
<p>Ex. 8</p>	<p>S-34338 - Total Call Mobile, LLC. In re: Application for Approval of Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff's recommendation to relinquish Total Call's ETC designation.</p>
<p>Ex. 9</p>	<p>S-34347 - South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association, ex parte. In re: Notification Pursuant to Section 5.02 of the LPSC's Net Metering General Order.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Angelle, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt Staff's recommendation filed into record on February 1, 2017 verifying that SLECA had reached its net metering cap.</p>
<p>Ex. 10</p>	<p>R-32786 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Rulemaking to establish "Best Practices" protocols for disaster planning and response by all LPSC-jurisdictional utilities.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on proposed rule.</p> <p>(Ex. 26 on the December 21, 2016 B&E Agenda)</p> <p>PASSED</p>
<p>Ex. 11</p>	<p>Undocketed</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to approve site-specific contracts between Cleco Power, LLC and Associated Wholesale Grocers and Pine Prairie Energy Center.</p> <p>(Ex. 14 on the January 28, 2017 B&E Agenda)</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt Staff's recommendation that the Commission approve the site-specific contract.</p>
<p>Ex. 12</p>	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Angelle, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt a resolution to support the FCC and FTC in taking the necessary actions to ensure standards are developed in the industry to address issues associated with pre-recorded "robocalls".</p>

	<p>Vice Chairman Skrmetta directs Staff to consult Nicco Mele, a Director of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, for possibly looking at a different approach in trying to combat these calls.</p> <p>3) Discussions</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS Business</p> <p>Discussion and possible vote to ratify the vote taken by Commissioner Skrmetta acting as the Commission's representative on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Angelle, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, with Commissioner Boissiere and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Vice Chairman Skrmetta abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Vice Chairman Skrmetta's vote taken on January 19, 2017 as the Commission's OMS representative.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, with Chairman Angelle and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Commissioner Boissiere abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Commissioner Boissiere's votes taken on February 13, 2017 as the Commission's OMS representative.</p> <p>5) Directives</p> <p><u>Directive from Chairman Angelle regarding rules related to combined heat and power ("CHP")</u></p> <p>(Ex. 31 on the December 21, 2016 B&E Agenda)</p> <p>PASSED</p> <hr/> <p><u>Directive from Commissioner Campbell regarding Country Place Utilities of Bossier Parish and its billing, collection and customer service practices.</u></p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Campbell</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell directed Staff to solicit a consultant for under \$50,000 to conduct an audit of the billing, collection and customer-service practices of Country Place Utilities. Country Place serves approximately 300 residences in the Houghton area of Bossier Parish. The consultant will be retained to closely examine customer complaints including errors, irregularities and discrepancies in usage and charges on customer bills, and failure of CPU staff to communicate with customers by not answering the phone or returning calls and suggest solutions.</p> <p>There was no opposition to the directive.</p> <hr/> <p>Commissioner Boissiere initiated a discussion regarding utility issues as a result of recent tornadoes and received an outage status report from Mark Kleehammer of Entergy.</p>
<p>Ex. 13</p>	<p>U-34342 - Cleco Power, LLC. In re: Request for Recovery Through its Fuel Adjustment Clause Costs Associated with New Natural Gas Supply.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.</p> <p>At the request of Vice Chairman Skrmetta.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Angelle, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain J. Kennedy and Associates to assist the Commission for the proposed budget of \$9,000 in fees, \$750 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$9,750.</p>

<p>Ex. 14</p>	<p>U-34032 - S.D.U., LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for an increase in rates for wastewater utility service and fees for the Iberville Trace residents in Iberville Parish.</p> <p>In re: Discussion of Commission Vote from January 18, 2017 B&E and Possible vote.</p> <p>(Ex. 9 on the January 18, 2017 B&E agenda)</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Angelle.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Angelle, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to clarify the vote taken at the January 18, 2017 B&E Meeting that the goal for the Company is to achieve an Operating Margin Ratio (OMR) of 10.5% at the end of the phase in, not to have its rates total a specific amount.</p>
<p>Ex. 15</p>	<p>U-34358 - St. Amant Gas Company, ex parte. In re: Application for Interim Emergency Storm Relief in Retail Rates and approval of a Storm Recovery Rider.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on an Interim Rate Increase pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Skrmetta.</p> <p>PASSED</p>
<p>Ex. 16</p>	<p>U-33917 - Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corporation, ex parte. In re: First Amended Petition for Approval of a Formula Rate Plan and Application for Rate Increase.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on uncontested stipulated settlement agreement per Rule 57.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Angelle.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Angelle, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take this matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Angelle, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, with Commissioner Boissiere and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell opposing, the Commission voted to adopt the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement Agreement.</p>
<p>Ex. 17</p>	<p><u>Directive from Commissioner Boissiere regarding the timing of resource certification docket.</u></p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Boissiere.</p> <p>In November, Entergy Louisiana filed a certification request for a self-build project, Lake Charles Power Station that has a full notice to proceed of August 2017. Given this time constraint associated with the project, I direct that the Staff, the parties, and the Administrative Law Judges use all best efforts to bring this docket forward in a timely manner to be considered by the Commission by no later than the July 26, 2017 B&E.</p> <p>There was no opposition to the directive.</p>
<p>Ex. 18</p>	<p>LPSC ex parte, Undocketed:</p> <p>"Status of Electric Rates in Louisiana: where are we and where are we going"</p> <p>Report from Staff on current electric rates in Louisiana, how those rates compare to other jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional utilities.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Angelle.</p> <p>Jessica Kayuha presented report on behalf of Staff.</p>

<p>Ex. 19</p>	<p>Louisiana Public Service Commission, et al. v. Louisiana State Legislature, Docket No. 592,231, Section 26, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.</p> <p>In re: Possible executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 to discuss litigation strategy.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Francis for the purpose of getting an update/overview of the suit and what happens moving forward.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to enter executive session.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Boissiere, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, with Chairman Angelle and Commissioner Francis concurring and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to exit executive session.</p>
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On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, with Chairman Angelle and Commissioner Boissiere concurring and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent,, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 10:00am at Cypress Bend Resort, 2000 Cypress Bend Parkway, Many, Louisiana 71449.