

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 1, 2018
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2018 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN ERIC SKRMETTA, VICE CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER LAMBERT BOISSIERE, COMMISSIONER CRAIG GREENE AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.

Open Session of August 1, 2018, convening at 9:20A.M., and adjourning at 10:36A.M., the Galvez Building, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-named members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey.

Ex. 1	<p>Chairman Skrmetta introduced new Staff Attorney Jaclyn Penzo; wished Christina Peck a happy birthday, and acknowledged Gayle K. Busch's retirement from Roedell Parsons.</p> <p>Storm restoration bonds sold through securitization to fund Katrina/Rita storm recovery expenses for Entergy Louisiana, LLC and then Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. have been paid as of the end of July. August bills for ELL customers will reflect the associated bill reductions.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Francis congratulated Commissioner Greene on being elected unopposed for his next term.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell directed Staff to revisit the Do Not Call program regarding unwanted calls. Executive Secretary Frey gave an overview of the problem concerning illegal actors making such calls.</p>
Ex. 2	<p>U-34369 - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Application for prudence determination of certain capital improvements at Welsh Units 1 and 3 and Flint Creek and associated cost recovery.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on proposed uncontested stipulated settlement.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement Term Sheet filed into the record on July 9, 2018.</p>
Ex. 3	<p>U-34475 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Test Year 2016 Formula Rate Plan filing.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote regarding Joint Report of Proceedings and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve the Unopposed Joint Report of Proceedings and Draft Order filed July 25, 2018 and deem this docket closed.</p>
Ex. 4	<p>U-34658 - Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. In re: Application for Approval of an Updated Advanced Metering System Program.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on proposed uncontested stipulated settlement.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the Stipulated Settlement Term Sheet filed on July 5, 2018 authorizing Concordia's implementation of its AMS Project, subject to conditions.</p>
Ex. 5	<p>U-34803 - Atmos Energy Corporation, ex parte. In re: 2017 Rate Stabilization Clause filing for Louisiana Gas Service rate division.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and Draft Order filed into the record on June 22, 2018.</p>

<p>Ex. 6</p>	<p>S-34841 - American Broadband Communications, LLC, Cameron Communications, LLC, Cameron Telephone Company, LLC, Elizabeth Telephone Company, LLC, and LBH, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for Approval or Non-Opposition to the Transfer of Controlling Interests of the Companies from the Estate of Patrick L. Eudy to Jane R. Eudy, individually.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on uncontested Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the Staff Report and Recommendation filed July 16, 2018 recommending the Commission express its non-opposition to the transfer of control subject to conditions.</p>
<p>Ex. 7</p>	<p>U-34865 - Greater Ouachita Water Company, ex parte. In re: Application for an Increase in Water and Sewer Rates, Interim Rate Relief, Non-Opposition to Bond Issuance, and Expedited Relief.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on interim rate increase pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Campbell.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p>
<p>Ex. 8</p>	<p>X-34851 - (18-09) Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchased Gas Adjustment filings for Trans Louisiana Gas Company and Louisiana Gas Service Company (Regulatory Divisions of Atmos Energy Corporation) for the period of April 2016 through March 2018.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Henderson Ridge Consulting, Inc. to assist Staff for a budget not to exceed \$29,700 in fees and \$800 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$30,500.</p>
<p>Ex. 9</p>	<p>X-34852 - (18-10) Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchased Gas Adjustment filings for the gas distribution division of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the period of January 2016 through December 2017.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Exeter Associates, Inc. for a budget not to exceed \$21,800 in fees and \$1,500 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$23,300.</p>
<p>Ex. 10</p>	<p>X-34849 - (18-11) Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchased Gas Adjustment filings for CenterPoint Energy Entex for the period of January 2015 through December 2017.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Henderson Ridge Consulting, Inc. to assist Staff for a budget not to exceed \$17,700 in fees and \$800 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$18,500.</p>
<p>Ex. 11</p>	<p>X-34850 - (18-12) Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchased Gas Adjustment filings for CenterPoint Energy Arkla for the period of January 2015 through December 2017.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Henderson Ridge Consulting, Inc. to assist Staff for a budget not to exceed \$17,700 in fees and \$800 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$18,500.</p>
<p>Ex. 12</p>	<p>S-34879 - (18-13) Atmos Energy Corporation, ex parte. In re: Petition Requesting Renewal of the Asset Management Plan for the Period April 1, 2019 Through March 31, 2024.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Henderson Ridge Consulting, Inc. to assist Staff for a budget not to exceed \$27,150 in fees and \$800 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$27,950.</p>

<p>Ex. 13</p>	<p>Undocketed</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to approve site-specific contract between Entergy Louisiana, LLC, and Shintech Louisiana, LLC.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Boissiere, with Commissioner Campbell and Vice Chairman Francis concurring and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to approve the site-specific contract between Entergy Louisiana, LLC and Shintech Louisiana, LLC, subject to conditions.</p>
<p>Ex. 14</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 to open phase II of rulemaking and retain outside counsel and consultant to assist.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Boissiere concurring and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to initiate Phase II of the rulemaking and retain the existing outside counsel, McQuaig & Associates, LLC for a budget not to exceed \$153,500 (inclusive of \$35,000 remaining from Phase I) in fees of \$7,500 (inclusive of \$3,000 remaining from Phase I) in expenses; and consultants, Henderson Ridge Consulting, Inc. for a budget not to exceed \$185,150 in fees and \$6,000 in expenses to assist Staff.</p>
<p>Ex. 15</p>	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions</p> <p>Update and presentation from AT&T and CenturyLink regarding the status of Connect America Fund “CAF” broadband deployment in Louisiana. – DEFERRED</p> <p>Commissioner Boissiere reminded utilities and Staff of the importance of grid security and customer privacy protection and acknowledged the open LPSC docket on the issues.</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS Business 5) Directives</p>
<p>Ex. 16</p>	<p>Louisiana Public Service Commission v. Entergy Corp., Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Docket No. EL01-88</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote regarding refunds granted to Entergy Louisiana customers and the appropriate method for reflecting the refunds and any related surcharge in retail rates.</p> <p>At request of Chairman Skrmetta.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to require Entergy Louisiana, LLC to return the refund due legacy customers of Entergy Louisiana, LLC in two equal installments through the Rough Production Cost Equalization tariffs and to commence the refunds no later than on September bills. The surcharge for legacy customers of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. shall be reflected ratably over the remaining months of 2018 pursuant to the Rough Production Cost Equalization tariffs in the manner typically used for rough equalization receipts and payments.</p>
<p>Ex. 17</p>	<p>R-34367 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Rulemaking to consider adoption of best practices related to ratemaking within the water and wastewater industry including but not limited to implementation of a consumer price indexing mechanism, future test year, and collection and distribution system improvement charges.</p> <p><u>Directive to expand the scope of the current rulemaking to seek comments on a proposed rule requiring water and wastewater utilities to conduct audits to recover lost revenues prior to filing for rate relief.</u></p> <p>At the request of Chairman Skrmetta.</p> <p>No opposition.</p>

<p>Ex. 18</p>	<p>Undocketed</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible Directive to Staff regarding the status of the Sabine River Authority power contract.</p> <p>At the request of Vice Chairman Francis.</p> <p><u>Vice Chairman Francis presented the following directive:</u></p> <p><u>The Toledo Bend Reservoir was created in the 1960s in order to provide power generation, flood control, and recreational activities to residents and visitors of Louisiana and Texas. During that time, this Commission approved a 50-year agreement involving the Toledo Bend hydroelectric facility located on the Sabine River between the Sabine River Authorities of Louisiana and Texas and Cleco, Gulf States Utilities, and Louisiana Power & Light. Although that agreement expired in May of this year, the Sabine River Authorities are selling power to Entergy Louisiana, Cleco, and SWEPCO under a new short-term, interim agreement. I am advised the parties have executed a new agreement not to exceed a five year term that must be submitted to the Commission for approval. I am also advised that on prior occasions the Commission considered modifications to the Toledo Bend agreement without proceeding through the Administrative Hearings Division. Accordingly, I direct Entergy Louisiana, Cleco, and SWEPCO to submit a request with all supporting documentation to the Commission no later than August 7 seeking approval of the contract. Additionally, I direct that the request be noticed in the August 10 bulletin with a ten day intervention period. In lieu of the Administrative Hearings Division process, I direct Staff to utilize best efforts to facilitate an expedited proceeding and present the record and evidence to the Commission for a decision at its October 26, 2018 Business & Executive Meeting regarding whether the new agreement regarding the Toledo Bend hydroelectric facility would continue to serve the public interest.</u></p> <p>No opposition.</p>
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On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 9:00am in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.