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State Preps for Tropical Storm Cindy

Baton Rouge – The southern part of Louisiana is bracing for the potential effects of heavy rains due to Tropical Storm Cindy making its way through the Gulf of Mexico. Landfall projections are for early Thursday morning with tropical storm force winds of 40-45 miles per hour expected with gusts in the 55-60 miles per hour range. The National Weather Service is predicting 4-8 inches of rain throughout the southern parishes with the potential of 10-15 inches of rain in isolated areas. This storm could lead to scattered power outages.

The Commission encourages residents to be vigilant during the storms which includes no unnecessary travelling, reporting downed power lines, reporting outages, charging cell phones, and preparing a storm kit. A storm kit should include bottled water, medication, flashlight, and a first aid kit. For information on power outages, links to utility outage maps and other information can be found at the following link: <http://www.lpsc.louisiana.gov/consumerutilitylinks.aspx>.

The Louisiana Public Service Commission is an independent regulatory agency dedicated to serving the public interest by assuring safe, reliable, and reasonably-priced services from public utilities and motor carriers. The LPSC, created by Article IV, Section 21 of the 1974 Constitution of the State of Louisiana, consists of five elected Commissioners who serve overlapping terms of six years. The Commission has jurisdiction over certain publicly-owned utilities providing electric, water, wastewater, natural gas, and telecommunication services, as well as all the electric cooperatives in Louisiana. It does not regulate Entergy New Orleans, Inc.

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