

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 2025
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2025 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN PLAQUEMINE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS, VICE CHAIRMAN ERIC SKRMETTA, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS, COMMISSIONER JEAN-PAUL COUSSAN, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.

Open Session of August 20, 2025, convening at 10:24 a.m., and adjourning at 3:44 p.m., Carl F. Grant Civic Center, 24700 J. Gerard Berret Blvd., Plaquemine, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

Ex. 1	<p>Commissioner Lewis introduced the mayor of St. Gabriel, Lionel Johnson and asked him to lead the Commission in prayer. He also welcomed JB Barker, Mayor of Plaquemine, and Chris Daigle, Iberville Parish President, to the meeting.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Skrmetta announced that the October Business & Executive Session will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the Supreme Court in New Orleans at 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell announced that the December Business & Executive Session will be held in Natchitoches.</p>
Ex. 2	<p>T-37230 - Equipment Transport, LLC of Pennsylvania, ex parte. In re: Application for a Common Carrier Certificate of non-hazardous oilfield waste for disposal, statewide.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Motion to Rescind.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff's Motion to Rescind filed into the record on June 24, 2025.</p>
Ex. 3	<p>R-31106 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Rulemaking to study the possible development of financial incentives for the promotion of energy efficiency by jurisdictional electric and gas utilities.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Final Louisiana Energy Efficiency Program Rules.</p> <p>Commissioner Coussan made the following motion: Considering that there are some industrial customers that have relied on not participating as this rulemaking has evolved, but they have industrial operations that are served below 69 kV, and they are not covered by an opt-out from the inception of the Quick Start program many years ago,</p> <p>I move that the definition of Industrial Customer in Section III of the proposed rules be revised to read as follows:</p> <p>Electric: Any entity receiving electric power at 69 kilovolts or higher, or any industrial customer account that elected to opt-out during the Commission's Quick Start program, or any industrial customer that provides its electric utility provider with a written notice of opt-out following Commission approval of these rules and not later than October 1, 2025.</p> <p>Consistent with the Quick Start program, eligibility for opt-out shall be limited to large</p>

	<p>industrial customers having one or more individual electric service accounts within its utility service providers' service territory with a combined aggregate demand of five thousand (5,000) kW or more. Only customers with annual peak loads equal to or greater than two hundred (200) kW, located within the utility's service territory, may aggregate.</p> <p>I also move that by September 1, 2025, the electric utilities that have currently existing industrial customer opt-outs under their Quick Start programs shall notify such customers that they have already elected to opt-out, to avoid duplication of time and effort.</p> <p>After discussion, Vice Chairman Skrmetta made a substitute motion to adopt Commissioner Coussan's motion and include a revision to Section III.1 – Lost Contribution to Fixed Costs to allow utilities the ability to earn LCFC to the top of their respective bands, which was seconded by Commissioner Campbell. On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Lewis objecting, the Commission voted to adopt the Louisiana Energy Efficiency Program rules filed on August 7, 2025, subject to the stated modifications, and directed Staff to solicit TetraTech for a proposed budget to assist as the statewide EM&V Contractor, subject to Commission approval. The motion passed 4:1.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Mark Kleehammer - General Counsel & Chief Regulatory Officer, Cleco Power Alaina DiLaura – Alliance for Affordable Energy</p>
Ex. 4	<p>S-37547 - Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for Letter of Non-Opposition to secure a loan, including mortgage its assets, for a four-year construction work plan.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission expressed its non-opposition to the Request, subject to conditions contained in Staff's Report filed into the record on July 7, 2025.</p>
Ex. 5	<p>U-37425 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval of generation and transmission resources in connection with service to a single customer for a project in North Louisiana.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on approval of Settlement pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell made the following motion: Next year will mark my 50th year in public service. Whether in the Senate or this Commission, my focus has been on providing opportunities for people to lift themselves out of poverty. In the Senate, I created the Louisiana Educational Excellence Fund to improve education using money from the state tobacco settlement. Today, this Commission has an opportunity to enable a transformational economic development project in one of the poorest regions in Louisiana. There are no quick fixes to poverty, but when a great opportunity comes along to provide stimulus and jobs to the community, we need to carefully consider it. I want to commend the LPSC Staff for working with Entergy and other parties to bring a settlement to the Commission that authorizes the construction of generation and transmission to support Meta's data center in Holly Ridge,</p>

	<p>Louisiana, while imposing numerous protective conditions to mitigate the risk that other electric customers throughout Louisiana will be adversely impacted. I recognize that not all parties joined the settlement, but it says a lot that the settlement is supported by the utility, the LPSC Staff, an environmental group, a sophisticated large commercial customer, and a renewable energy organization.</p> <p>I move that we accept Staff’s recommendation and approve the settlement entered into by Entergy Louisiana, LPSC Staff, Sierra Club, Walmart, and Southern Renewable Energy Association.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Vice Chairman Skrmetta and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Lewis objecting, the Commission voted to accept the Settlement Agreement filed into the record on August 7, 2025. The motion passed 4:1.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments:</p> <p>Larry Hand – Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs, Entergy Louisiana Skylar Rosenbloom – Counsel for Entergy Louisiana Lane Sisung – LPSC Staff Consultant Dana Shelton – LPSC Staff Counsel Jasmine Brown – GNO, Inc. Andrew Carnakie-Baker – Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance Lady Carlson – Westside Sponsoring Rob Cleveland – Grow NELA Susan Miller – Alliance for Affordable Energy Logan Burke – Alliance for Affordable Energy Windy Beck – Deep South Center for Environmental Justice Lauren Zander – Representing Sian O’Faolain Jon Christopher Brown – Self Alicia Cerquone – Self Samantha Clark – Self Miriam Abuzied – Self Julie Schwam Harris – Self Victoria Riggs – Self Lauren Nagel – Self Logan Wolf – Self Renee Carlton – Self Angelle Bradford Rosenberg – Self</p>
Ex. 6	<p>U-37519 - Parish Water Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report for test year ending on December 31, 2024.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and Draft Order filed into the record on June 23, 2025.</p>

Ex. 7	<p>U-37532 - The Baton Rouge Water Works Company, ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report for test year ending on December 31, 2024.</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 Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and Draft Order filed into the record on June 23, 2025.</p>
Ex. 8	<p>U-37554 - Atmos Energy Corporation, ex parte. In re: Rate Stabilization Plan Annual Report for Atmos' Louisiana Division for Test Year ending December 31, 2024. (Notice of intervention or protest shall be filed within 15 days of the date of this bulletin.)</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and Draft Order filed into the record on July 21, 2025.</p>
Ex. 9	<p>U-37570 - Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, LLC, ex parte. In re: Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, LLC 2024 Formula Rate Plan Annual Report, Request for Adjustment of Water and Sewage Rates and Any Other Related Relief.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Skrmetta made the following motion: I move to accept Staff's Report and Recommendation filed into the record on July 31, 2025, with an amendment that Magnolia's current wastewater receivables balance of approximately \$8,000,000 be converted to a regulatory asset recoverable over 10 years. Since beginning operations in Louisiana in 2019, Magnolia has acquired 509 troubled or failing water and wastewater systems, invested \$410 million in capital projects throughout the state and has grown its wastewater customer base from 0 to 55,000. When Magnolia does not provide both services, it is at the mercy of a third-party water supplier, usually a public water system, to perform disconnects and reconnects of delinquent wastewater accounts; however, the majority have refused to enter into a disconnect/reconnect agreement with Magnolia. Thus, in order to disconnect a delinquent wastewater customer, Magnolia must utilize equipment to dig up a customer's tap and disconnect service. This type of disconnection results in a sewer backup and untreated sewerage in a customer's home. Accordingly, this is a solution of last resort, especially in communities that, until Magnolia's investment, had been served by failing systems. Because most wastewater systems acquired by Magnolia were failing when purchased, the company's focus has been on the repair, rehabilitation, operation and maintenance of these systems, not on disconnecting delinquent accounts. Evidence of this is the recent removal of 21 wastewater systems from a federal Consent Decree that Magnolia assumed when purchasing the systems. These circumstances have created an untenable situation that is unfair to the bill-paying customer, and to Magnolia, and has resulted in accumulated wastewater receivables of approximately \$8,000,000 over a 6-year period. Because of poor recordkeeping by prior owners, including the lack of accurate lists of service accounts and addresses, Magnolia recently performed a state-wide canvass of customer service addresses. With this more accurate data, Magnolia recently initiated steps to collect on longstanding delinquent accounts with significant past due balances. This has prompted complaints from many of these</p>

	<p>customers, particularly in District 2. As a result of good faith negotiations between Commissioner Coussan and Mr. Cox, and though under no legal obligation to do so, Magnolia has agreed to forego collection or disconnection of any delinquent account balance older than 90 days. Further, in the future, Magnolia will not attempt to collect on any delinquent balance for any period in excess of 6 months. In exchange, the Commission would agree to convert Magnolia's wastewater receivables balance to a regulatory asset recoverable over 10 years. This will necessitate an upward adjustment of every wastewater customer's monthly bill of \$0.80. Thus, I move that we accept Staff's Report and Recommendation filed July 31, 2025, with an amendment that Magnolia's current wastewater receivables balance of approximately \$8,000,000 be converted to a regulatory asset, recoverable over 10 years and that Magnolia be allowed to include a line-item of \$0.80 on its customer's wastewater bills. I further direct Staff, as part of the pending Water and Wastewater Best Practices Docket, to look at including an amendment regarding the maximum time period allowed for delinquent balances to remain on a water or sewer account before the utility forfeits any collection of that balance.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Commissioner Campbell concurring, and with Commissioner Lewis and Commission Coussan objecting, the Commission voted to accept Staff's Report and Recommendation filed into the record on July 31, 2025, subject to stated modifications. The motion passed 3:2.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Andy Ezell – Counsel for Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, LLC Josiah Cox – CEO, Central States Water Resources Anne Paulter – Self Cindy Case-Brown – Self and Greenleaves HOA</p>
Ex. 10	<p>U-37677 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval to complete uprate project at the Waterford 3 Nuclear Station, including cost recovery.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals Company for \$72,000 in fees and \$1,000 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$73,000.</p>
Ex. 11	<p>Undocketed - Entergy Louisiana's request for expedited approval of an agreement with Commission Staff regarding the monetization of 2024 nuclear production tax credits.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on the agreement between Entergy and Commission Staff.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Agreement executed between Entergy and Commission Staff regarding the monetization of 2024 nuclear production tax credits.</p>

<p>Ex. 12</p>	<p>X-37588 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: After-Action Review of SWEPCO's April 2 and 26, 2025 outages, pursuant to General Order dated April 13, 2017 (Docket No. R-32786).</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's After-Action Report.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff's After-Action Report, including the recommendations contained therein, filed into the record on August 13, 2025.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Bobby Gilliam – Counsel for SWEPCO Brett Mattison – CEO, SWEPCO Andy Ezell – Counsel for SPP Antoine Lucas – COO of SPP Kim O’Guinn – Director of State Regulatory Policy for SPP Paul Suskie - SPP Executive Vice President of Regulatory & Legal</p>
<p>Ex. 13</p>	<p>X-37602 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchase Gas Adjustment filings for CenterPoint Energy Arkla for the period of January 2023 through March 31, 2025.</p> <p>X-37603 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchase Gas Adjustment filings for the natural gas division Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the period of January 2023 through June 30, 2025.</p> <p>X-37604 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchase Gas Adjustment filings for CenterPoint Energy Entex for the period of January 2023 through March 31, 2025.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Henderson Ridge Consulting for \$79,600 in fees and \$1,800 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$81,400.</p>
<p>Ex. 14</p>	<p>1) Reports</p> <p>Report from AT&T regarding its process for relocating assets.</p> <p>Stephanie Doiron, Director of External Affairs for AT&T, gave a report and answered questions from Commissioners. Commissioner Coussan asked Staff to look at open, potentially stale, dockets related to utility poles.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Skrmetta asked AT&T to coordinate with Executive Secretary Frey and Jefferson Parish Government regarding issues with franchise fees and permitting. Vice Chairman Skrmetta asked for a report on this issue at the October B&E</p> <p>2) Resolutions 3) Discussions</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</p> <p>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify votes taken by Vice Chairman Skrmetta acting as the Commission's representative on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States.</p>

	<p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commission Coussan concurring, and Vice Chairman Skrmetta abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Vice Chairman Skrmetta's votes taken on June 9, 2025 and July 7, 2025 as the Louisiana Public Service Commission's representative to the OMS.</p> <p>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify votes cast by Chairman Francis acting as the Commission's representative on the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, with Commissioner Lewis and Commission Coussan concurring, and Chairman Francis abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Francis' votes cast on August 4, 2025 as the Louisiana Public Service Commission's representative to the SPP RSC.</p> <p>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify interventions of Louisiana Public Service Commission in RTO-Related or other Federal Energy Regulatory Proceedings.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify the actions taken in dockets FERC Docket Nos. EPA-R06-2013-0465, ER25-2454, ER25-2455, ER25-2461, ER25-2296, ER25-2304, EL25-90, ER25-2364, ER25-2890, and ER25-2899 and ER25-507.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Lewis objecting, the Commission voted to ratify the actions in docket FERC Docket No. EL25-109. The motion passed 4:1.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Noel Darce- LPSC Staff Counsel</p> <p>5) Directives</p>
Ex. 15	<p>Undocketed - Possible Executive Session to discuss allegations of misconduct.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, the Commission voted to exit Executive Session.</p>

On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on September 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.