

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 18, 2024
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2024 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS, VICE CHAIRMAN DAVANTE LEWIS, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER ERIC SKRMETTA, COMMISSIONER CRAIG GREENE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.

Open Session of November 20, 2024, convening at 10:07 a.m., and adjourning at 11:15 a.m., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

<p>Ex. 1</p>	<p>Chairman Francis welcomed everyone to Natchitoches, including Northwestern President and former Louisiana Supreme Court Justice James T. Genovese, and thanked Commissioner Campbell for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Bill Robertson, his former Executive Assistant, and Malcolm Smoak, former president of SWEPCO, to the meeting.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Lewis offered a moment of silence for Delores Gabriel of Avondale who lost her life due to a gas explosion. He also directed Staff to coordinate with the Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources to have a plan for federal funding related to the Solar for Y'all Grant Program.</p> <p>Commissioner Greene thanked the Commission Staff, Commissioners, and his constituents for allowing him to serve as the Commissioner of District 2 for the past eight years.</p>
<p>Ex. 2</p>	<p>Undocketed - 2025 Proposed Business and Executive Schedule</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to accept the 2025 proposed schedule.</p> <p>The 2025 B&E schedule is as follows:</p> <p>January 15 February 19 March 26 April 16 (Many, LA tentatively) May 21 June 18 July – No Meeting August 20 September 17 October 22 November 19 December 17 (Natchitoches, LA tentatively)</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the proposed 2025 schedule.</p>

<p>Ex. 3</p>	<p>S-37227 - Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corporation, ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non-Opposition to borrow funds for the Cooperative's Construction Work Plan.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on November 26, 2024.</p>
<p>Ex. 4</p>	<p>S-37329 - Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non-Opposition to refinance the current balance on the Cooperative's line of credit.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on November 26, 2024.</p>
<p>Ex. 5</p>	<p>S-37377 - The Baton Rouge Water Works Company d/b/a The Baton Rouge Water Company, ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non-Opposition to enter into note purchase agreement.</p> <p>In Re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on December 4, 2024.</p>
<p>Ex. 6</p>	<p>S-37378 - Louisiana Water Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non-Opposition to enter into note purchase agreement.</p> <p>In Re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on December 4, 2024.</p>
<p>Ex. 7</p>	<p>U-36669 - Southern Spirit Transmission LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for certification, or in the alternative exemption, of the Southern Spirit Transmission Project pursuant to the Commission's General Order dated October 10, 2013 (The Transmission Siting Order).</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Motion by Marston Family for Rehearing.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, with Chairman Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Greene opposing, the Commission voted to defer the item until the January, 2025 B&E. The motion passed 3:2.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Bobby Gilliam - Counsel for SWEPCO Jonathan McCartney – Counsel for SWEPCO John Grinton – Counsel for Southern Spirit Transmission, LLC</p>

	Kyle Marionneaux - Counsel for Southern Spirit Transmission, LLC
Ex. 8	<p>U-37441 - 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Petition for Qualification of 1803 Electric Cooperative facilities as transmission facilities, and approval of transfer of functional control of transmission facilities to MISO.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain Stone Pigman for an under \$50,000 solicitation.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to retain Stone Pigman for \$48,000 in fees and \$1,500 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$49,500.</p>
Ex. 9	<p>U-37441 - 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Petition for Qualification of 1803 Electric Cooperative facilities as transmission facilities, and approval of transfer of functional control of transmission facilities to MISO.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain United Professionals Company for an under \$50,000 solicitation.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals Company for \$47,500 in fees and \$2,000 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$49,500.</p>
Ex. 10	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions 4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</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 Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Vice Chairman Lewis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to ratify interventions taken in FERC Docket Nos. ER25-507 and ER25-579.</p> <p>-Discussion and possible vote to ratify the vote cast 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 Vice Chairman Lewis, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Commissioner Campbell concurring, Commissioner Skrmetta abstaining, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to ratify the votes taken on December 3 and 9, 2024.</p> <p>5) Directives</p>
Ex. 11	<p>U-37193 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval of Magnolia Power, LLC Capacity Credits Purchase Agreement, including cost recovery.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Greene.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, with Vice Chairman Lewis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily</p>

	absent, the Commission voted to approve the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on December 9, 2024.
Ex. 12	<p>U-37212 - 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Application for approval of revisions to Wholesale Formula Rate Tariff, adjustment clauses, and Formula Rate Plan.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Francis.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on December 10, 2024.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Kyle Marionneaux – Counsel for 1803 Cooperative Brian Hobbs – CEO of 1803 Cooperative Jeff Churchwell – President of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative</p>

On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.