

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2026
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2026 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN ERIC SKRMETTA, VICE CHAIRMAN JEAN-PAUL COUSSAN, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER MIKE FRANCIS, COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.

Open Session of February 25, 2026, convening at 9:17 a.m., and adjourning at 2:16 p.m., at the Galvez Building, 602 N. 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

Ex. 1	Chairman Skrmetta welcomed Adrie De Wall, his former Executive Assistant, who recently became a United States Citizen and invited her to lead the room in the Pledge of Allegiance. He also recognized Wayne Cooper, Stephanie Hilferty, John Young, and Mark Wright, who are candidates for the District 1 Commission seat. Commissioner Lewis thanked the Americans for a Clean Energy Grid for naming him a transmission champion. He recognized LIHEAP Action Day at the Capitol, thanking, Entergy Louisiana for their participation, as well as commended the NARUC Board of Directors for their resolution on unlocking energy efficiency. He also took a moment to reflect on Black History Month and recognized two previous Commissioners, Irma Dixon and Lambert Boissiere. Vice Chairman Coussan recognized President Trump spoke, the in State of the Union address, about ratepayer protections. He mentioned that the Commission's first and foremost responsibility is to its constituents and ratepayers on keeping utilities affordable. Executive Secretary Brandon Frey, along with Commissioner Francis, announced that the April B&E Session would be held on April 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM in Alexandria, LA at Hotel Bentley, 200 DeSoto St. Alexandria, LA 71301. The meeting will be casual attire.
Ex. 2	T-37730 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Pack Dat & Geaux Movers, LLC. In re: Alleged violation of 1) Order T-37084; and 2) Louisiana Revised Statutes 45: 164(E) and General Orders dated April 03, 2008 as amended and March 16, 2021 by engaging in activities related to transporting household goods intrastate without LPSC authority on or about September 15, 2025. In re: Discussion and possible vote on Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge. On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the ALJ's recommendation filed into the record on January 16, 2026.

Ex. 3	T-37785 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. H&U Express Moving LLC. 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. 45:164 (E) and General Order dated March 16, 2021 and for failure to comply with the requirements of General Order dated April 3, 2008 as amended. In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the Carrier. On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57. On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on January 30, 2026 for fines and fees totaling \$525.
Ex. 4	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. In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain Tetra Tech as the Commission's EM&V Contractor pursuant to General Order dated August 28, 2025. Exhibit 7 on the January 14, 2026 Business and Executive Session. On motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Tetra Tech as its EM&V Contractor for a budget of \$6,009,547 in fees and \$114,234 in expenses for a total not exceed budget of \$6,123,781, with an annual review of the contract.
Ex. 5	R-37773 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Vegetation Management Pilot Program. In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Recommendation of Final Rule. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to defer the item to the March B&E Meeting. Present for Questions/Comments: Bobby Gilliam – Counsel for SWEPCO Lynn Ferry Nelson – Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for SWEPCO
Ex. 6	U-36320 - Abby Plantation Estates Sanitary Sewerage Corporation d/b/a Louisiana Sewer Utilities, ex parte. In re: Request for assessment of rates and review for regulatory compliance. In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement. On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on January 9, 2026.

Ex. 7	U-37343 - Dixie Electric Membership Corporation, ex parte. In re: Request for a rate rider to recover costs associated with the Move Ascension Road Projects. In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on Final Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge. In re: Discussion and possible vote on Final Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge. Exhibit 9 on the January 14, 2026 Business and Executive Session. DEFERRED
Ex. 8	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. In re: Discussion and possible vote on scope expansion for United Professionals Company. After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to increase UPC’s budget, due to scope expansion, for an additional \$173,000 in fees and \$2,000 in expenses for an additional total not to exceed budget of \$175,000.
Ex. 9	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. In re: Discussion and possible vote on scope expansion for Fishman Haygood. On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to increase Fishman Haygood’s budget, due to scope expansion, for an additional \$370,000 in fees and \$5,000 in expenses for an additional total not to exceed budget of \$375,000.
Ex. 10	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. In re: Discussion and possible vote on Motion of the Alliance for Affordable Energy and Union of Concerned Scientists for Investigation and Prudence Review. After discussion, the Commission declined to take action on the Motion. Present for Questions/Comments: Susan Miller – Counsel for the Alliance for Affordable Energy/Union of Concerned Scientists Logan Burke – The Alliance for Affordable Energy Keturah Butler-Reed – Self Larry Hand – Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs for Entergy, Louisiana Skylar Rosenbloom – Counsel for Entergy, Louisiana Dana Shelton – Staff Counsel Lane Sisung – Staff Consultant

Ex. 11	U-37574 - Hillside Partners, LLC, D/B/A Hillside Mobile Home Park, ex parte. In re: Application for an increase in water rates and establishment of service fees and charges. In re: Discussion and possible vote on an Uncontested Stipulated Settlement. On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on December 23, 2025.
Ex. 12	U-37774 - Pierre Part Natural Gas Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Rate Stabilization Plan adjustment filing for test year ending June 30, 2025. In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on Joint Report and Draft Order. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the draft order filed on February 10, 2026. Present for Questions/Comments: Randy Young – Counsel for Louisiana Energy Users Group
Ex. 13	U-37777 - South Coast Gas Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Rate Stabilization Plan adjustment filing for test year ending June 30, 2025. In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on Joint Report and Draft Order. On motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the draft order filed into the record on February 10, 2026.
Ex. 14	U-37794 - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Application for authorization of a System Improvement Plan, including related rate recovery. In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an outside consultant. On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals Company for \$123,000 in fees and \$2,000 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$125,000.
Ex. 15	1) Reports -Report from impacted electric utilities regarding Winter Storm Fern. Present for Questions/Comments: Phillip May – CEO of Entergy Louisiana Larry Hand - Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs for Entergy Louisiana Nyka Scott – Vice President of Customer Service for Entergy Louisiana Mark Kleehammer - General Counsel & Chief Regulatory Officer for Cleco Andre’ Guillory - Chief Customer Officer for Cleco Luke Piontek – Counsel for NELPCO Jeff Churchwell – General Manager of NELPCO Bobby Gilliam – Counsel for SWEPCO Lynn Ferry Nelson – Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for SWEPCO 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions/Public Comments -Discussion with Delta Utilities.

	Delta Utilities gave a report and presentation of the recent billing increases due to natural gas price increases. Present for Questions/Comments: Tim Poche’ – CEO of Delta Utilities Ryan King - Chief Regulatory & Growth Strategy Officer for Delta Utilities Sarah M. Porteous – Vice President of Communications for Delta Utilities Jim Dicharry – Director of Regulatory and Government Affairs for Delta Utilities Razan Badr - On behalf of New Orleans Councilmember Aimee McCarron Patty Merrick – Self/Community of Concord Estates Rasha Williams – On behalf of Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council - District 10 4) ERSC/OMS/SPP On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to take the following matters up out of order. - Discussion and possible vote to ratify votes cast by Chairman Skrmetta acting as the Commission's representative on the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool. On motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Commissioner Francis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Chairman Skrmetta abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Skrmetta’s votes cast on February 2, 2026 as the LPSC representative to the SPP RSC. - Discussion and possible vote to ratify interventions of Louisiana Public Service Commission RTO-Related or other Federal Energy Regulatory Proceedings. On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify the actions taken in Docket Nos. AC26-18, EL26-36, EL26-38, AC26-19, ER25-3508-002, ER26-988, EC26-43, ER26-1010, ER26-1033, and ER26-1197. Present for Questions/Comments: Lane Sisung – Staff Consultant 5) Directives -Directive to Staff to open a rulemaking to consider a framework for establishing new large load. At the request of Commissioner Lewis. Exhibit 13 on the January 14, 2026 Business and Executive Session. DEFERRED
Ex. 16	Undocketed - Report from Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation regarding increasing rates. At the request of Vice Chairman Coussan. Present for Questions/Comments: Katherine Domingue – CEO for SLEMCO Glenn Edwards - Counsel for SLEMCO Chris Piasecki – Counsel for SLEMCO

	Bob Holbrook – CEO of Holbrook Multimedia, consultant to SLEMCO.
Ex. 17	Undocketed - Directive to Staff on the Louisiana Advanced Nuclear Exploration Program. At the request of Chairman Skrmetta. I direct the Staff to review the Louisiana Advanced Nuclear Competitive Edge (LANCE) Strategic Framework report filed in Docket No. X-36987 and develop the next steps in the process to be known as the Louisiana Advanced Nuclear Exploration (LANE) Program, which would establish a mechanism for investor-owned utilities and interested rural electric cooperatives to engage with qualified advanced nuclear technology vendors for potential integration of small modular reactors, microreactors, and other advance nuclear technologies into the state’s electric generation feet and with such plan to be returned to the Commission as soon as practicable; there is no anticipated need for any outside contract work on this issue. There was no opposition to the directive.
Ex. 18	Undocketed - Directive to Staff regarding non-binding guidelines related to large load customers. At the request of the Commission. The directive read as follows: After preliminary discussions with various electric utilities on the potential of new large load additions, this Commission has been working with Staff to put together non-binding guidelines to address recurring issues that utilities should consider when proposing the interconnection of large load customers. These guidelines provide transparency to the utilities, potential large load customers, and the public, on known areas of concern for the Commission. In any proceedings regarding large load additions, these areas of concern will be part of the Commission’s analysis. In any filing concerning the addition of a large load customer, the utility should be prepared to explain how each issue laid out in the guidelines has been addressed, or explain why the proceeding would still be consistent with the public interest based on the specific facts of the proposal without addressing the Commission’s known concerns outlined in the guidelines. For the purposes of determining what is considered a large load, Staff points utilities and potential large load customers to the Commission’s General Order dated July 29, 2019 wherein the Commission requires utilities to properly plan for a new customer that would represent a projected increase in the peak load of that utility in an amount greater than 5% of the prior peak load. Again, these guidelines are non-binding, but attempt to provide utilities, prospective large load customers, and the public with what the Commission intends to consider in proceedings dealing with the addition of large loads. As such, this Commission directs Staff to provide a copy of the guidelines to each jurisdictional electric utility, as well as post a copy on the Commission’s website. After discussion, there was no opposition to the directive.

Ex. 19	Undocketed - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Temporary modifications to the FAC and PGA General Orders for electric and gas utilities for fuel costs associated with the Winter Storm Fern. Discussion and possible vote to authorize temporary modifications. At the request of Chairman Skrmetta. On motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission accepted Staff's recommendation to issue a Special Order: authorizing temporary modifications to the Commission's Fuel Adjustment Clause Order, authorizing temporary modifications to the Commission's Purchase Gas Adjustment Order and delegate such authority to the Executive Secretary to approve utility-specific modifications to the appropriate Commission Order on fuel recovery.
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On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Francis concurring, and Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.