

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 19, 2025
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2025 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, 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 February 19, 2025, convening at 9:12 a.m., and adjourning at 12:21 p.m., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

Ex. 1	<p>Executive Secretary Brandon Frey announced that the April Business & Executive Session will be held in Many, LA at Cypress Bend Resort on April 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM. He also announced that the May Business and Executive Session will be the Lafayette area .</p> <p>Secretary Frey, along with Commissioner Campbell, expressed their condolences on the passing of former Shreveport Councilman Joe Shyne, Sr., the father of District 5 Executive Assistant Joe Shyne, II.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Skrmetta announced that the Atlantic Council will be hosting the Frontier’s Initiative on March 11, 2025, in Baton Rouge. He also congratulated Myron Lambert on his new position with NWI after serving as General Manager of Pointe Coupee Electric for the past nine years.</p> <p>Commissioner Lewis welcomed two new members to the District 3 office, Rula Thalota and Matt Forgett. He also commemorated Black History Month.</p>
Ex. 2	<p>T-37412 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. B-T Towing, LLC. In re: Alleged violation of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 45:1177 and 1179 and General Order dated November 22, 2011 for failure to submit gross receipts and/or pay to the state proper fees for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 for the inspection, control, and supervision of its business service and rates authorized in Common Carrier Certificate No. 6836-B.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the carrier.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on January 14, 2025 for fines and fees totaling \$525.</p>

<p>Ex. 3</p>	<p>T-37439 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. CJ's Towing 2, LLC. In re: Alleged violation of La. R.S. 45:161 through 180.1, by operating Intrastate without LPSC authority; allegedly occurring on or about October 11, 2024.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the carrier.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on January 7, 2025 for fines and fees totaling \$525.</p>
<p>Ex. 4</p>	<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 to retain Chris Justin.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p>
<p>Ex. 5</p>	<p>R-37369 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Possible Amendments to General Order dated April 30, 1998 regarding electric reliability standards, including the Commission's current penalty levels and enforcement mechanisms.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain United Professionals Company.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals Company for \$95,000 in fees and \$2,500 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$97,500.</p>
<p>Ex. 6</p>	<p>S-37321 - 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corporation. In re: Joint Petition for approval of transfer of transmission facility assets by Pointe Coupee Electric to 1803, including operation thereof.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on January 24, 2025.</p>
<p>Ex. 7</p>	<p>U-37184 - Golden Beams Power LLC, ex parte. In re: Petition for Jurisdictional Determination.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Recommendation.</p> <p>Exhibit 11 at January 15, 2025 B&E.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Joseph P. Hebert – Counsel for Golden Beams Power LLC</p>

<p>Ex. 8</p>	<p>U-37423 - South Coast Gas Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Rate Stabilization filing for the Test Year Ending June 30, 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 filed into the record on February 5, 2024.</p>
<p>Ex. 9</p>	<p>U-37424 - Pierre Part Natural Gas Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Rate Stabilization filing for the Test Year Ending June 30, 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 filed into the record on February 5, 2025.</p>
<p>Ex. 10</p>	<p>U-37468 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricane Francine and for other related relief.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on interim rate increase pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Francis.</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>After discussion, on motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Lewis opposing, the Commission voted to approve Entergy Louisiana, LLC’s request for interim rate relief. The motion passed with a vote of 4:1.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Larry Hand - Vice President for Regulatory & Public Affairs for Entergy Louisiana</p>
<p>Ex. 11</p>	<p>R-36131 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Determination of Commission Jurisdiction Over the Various Methods of Providing Electricity to Electric Vehicles, and the Infrastructure Associated Therewith.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff’s Final Recommendation on Remand.</p> <p>Chairman Francis made the following motion:</p> <p>I move we approve the Staff recommendation with the following amendment; to delete from the second sentence of the proposed new Section 801 the words – “the Net Metering Rules.”</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the Final Recommendation on Remand filed into the record on February 7, 2025, subject to Chairman Francis’ amendment.</p>
<p>Ex. 12</p>	<p>1) Reports</p> <p>- Report from Staff regarding "Louisiana's Electric Profile" - a report of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.</p> <p>Secretary Frey gave a detailed report on the electric profile in Louisiana as it compared to the rest of the country.</p>

	<p>- Update regarding how the electric grid performed during the Gulf Coast Blizzard of 2025.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Bryan Blanton - SWEPCO Brian Francis, Atmos Energy James Dicharry – CenterPoint Energy Mark Kleehammer – Cleco Power Larry Hand – Entergy Louisiana, LLC Randy Young -South Coast Gas Company and Pierre Part Natural Gas Company</p> <p>2) Resolutions 3) Discussions</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</p> <p>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify a vote cast by Commissioner Skrmetta acting as the Commission's representative on the Organization of MISO States ("OMS") Regional State Committee of MISO.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Coussan concurring, Vice Chairman Skrmetta abstaining, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to ratify Vice Chairman Skrmetta's vote cast on February 4, 2025 as the 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 Commissioner Coussan, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, with Commissioner Lewis concurring, Chairman Francis abstaining, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Francis' votes cast on February 3, 2025.</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 Commissioner Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to ratify the interventions in FERC Docket Nos. ER-25937, ER25-943, EL14-12, and EL15-45.</p> <p>5) Directives</p>
Ex. 13	<p>U-37371 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Evaluation Report for the test year ending December 31, 2023.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Unopposed Joint Report.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Skrmetta.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, with Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Unopposed Joint Report filed into the record on January 14, 2025.</p>

<p>Ex. 14</p>	<p>U-37502 - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Application for extension of Formula Rate Plan, Service Quality Improvement Program, and request for interim increase in vegetation management.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on interim increase for vegetation management pursuant to Rule 57 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Skrmetta.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p>
<p>Ex. 15</p>	<p>Undocketed - Election of 2025 Vice Chairman.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Francis.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, with Commissioner Skrmetta concurring, and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Lewis opposing, the Commission voted to elect Commissioner Skrmetta as Vice Chairman for the remainder of 2025. The motion passed with a vote of 3:2.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Melissa Flournoy – 10,000 Women Alfreda Tillman Bester – Self Jacquelyn Germany – Self Sherry A. White – Self Edgar Cage – Together Louisiana Carlos Pollard – Self Elizabeth Soychak – Climate Reality Project Nola Chapter Barbara Sheppard – Step Up Louisiana Maria Harmon – Step Up Louisiana M.E. Cormier – Self Kenntonio Rosette - Self</p>

On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.