

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2025
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2025 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS, VICE CHAIRMAN DAVANTE LEWIS, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER ERIC SKRMETTA, COMMISSIONER JEAN-PAUL COUSSAN, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.

Open Session of January 15, 2025, convening at 9:19 a.m., and adjourning at 10:19 a.m., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

Ex. 1	<p>The Commissioners welcomed and congratulated Commissioner Coussan on his victory in the District 2 election. Commissioner Coussan thanked the Commissioners and his constituency for their welcoming hospitality and support on his victory.</p> <p>Chairman Francis welcomed Clint Person, Amy Abraham, and Callie Bates, his District Office Staff.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Lewis congratulated Edward Yeilding, his Technical Assistant, and family on the arrival on their new baby boy, “Guy” Yeilding.</p>
Ex. 2	<p>Undocketed - Election of 2024 Chairman.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to re-elect Commissioner Francis as the 2025 Chairman of the Commission.</p>
Ex. 3	<p>Undocketed - Election of 2024 Vice Chairman.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to re-elect Vice Chairman Lewis as the 2025 Vice Chairman of the Commission.</p>
Ex. 4	<p>Undocketed - Election of OMS Representative for 2025.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to re-elect Commissioner Skrmetta as the 2025 OMS Representative of the Commission.</p>
Ex. 5	<p>Undocketed - Election of ERSC Representative for 2025.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to elect Commissioner Skrmetta as the 2025 ERSC Representative of the Commission.</p>
Ex. 6	<p>Undocketed - Election of SPP Representative for 2025.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to re-elect Chairman Francis as the 2025 SPP Representative of the Commission.</p>

<p>Ex. 7</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 an engineer for District I.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Skrmetta temporarily absent, the Commission voted to approve Commissioner Skrmetta’s nomination of Linfield, Hunter & Junius to assist District I with the 2025 political subdivision energy efficiency program for a total not to exceed budget of \$23,936.35.</p>
<p>Ex. 8</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 an engineer for District IV.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Coussan, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Skrmetta temporarily absent, the Commission voted to approve Commissioner Francis’ nomination of D. Hicks Consulting to assist District IV with the 2025 political subdivision energy efficiency program for a total not to exceed budget of \$29,592.63.</p>
<p>Ex. 9</p>	<p>S-36267 - 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. and South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association and Washington - St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc. In re: Petition for Approval of Letter of Non-Opposition for 1803 to Establish a Revolving Line of Credit and for Supporting Guaranties by Member Cooperatives.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to amend Order No. S-36267.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, with Vice Chairman Lewis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Skrmetta temporarily absent, the Commission voted to amend Order No. S-36267 to extend the term of the credit facility for an additional three years.</p>
<p>Ex. 10</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 Exhibit 7 on December 7, 2024 Business and Executive Session Agenda.</p> <p>PULLED</p>
<p>Ex. 11</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>DEFERRED</p>

<p>Ex. 12</p>	<p>U-37442 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval of quantification and treatment of costs incurred associated with Commission Special Order Nos. 22-2020, 28-2020, 43-2020, and 44-2020.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, with Vice Chairman Lewis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Skrmetta temporarily absent, the Commission voted to retain Henderson Ridge Consulting for \$62,400 in fees and \$2,200 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$64,600.</p>
<p>Ex. 13</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 to retain an outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Skrmetta temporarily absent, the Commission voted to retain Henderson Ridge Consulting for \$184,400 in fees and \$4,200 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$188,600.</p>
<p>Ex. 14</p>	<p>1) Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Kjellander gave a report from Idaho National Lab's Frontiers Collaboration on the LANCE report filed into Docket No. X-36987. - Larry Hand, the VP for Regulatory & Public Affairs for Entergy Louisiana, gave a report from Entergy, Louisiana LLC on Docket No. X-36987. <p>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 Vice Chairman Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Skrmetta temporarily absent, the Commission voted to ratify interventions in Dockets ER25-565, ER25-593, and ER25-594.</p> <p>5) Directives</p>
<p>Ex. 15</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 an engineer for District II.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Coussan.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Skrmetta temporarily absent, the Commission voted to approve Commissioner Coussan's nomination of D. Hicks Consulting to assist District II with the 2025 political subdivision energy efficiency program for a total not to exceed budget of \$17,830.11.</p>

Ex. 16	<p>Undocketed - U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Texas 6:24-cv-00507 State of Texas, State of Utah, and Last Energy, Inc. v. United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Complaint for Declaratory Relief and Vacatur under the Administrative Procedures Act.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to intervene.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Skrmetta.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to authorize Staff to take whatever means necessary, including hiring outside counsel if necessary, to intervene in the State of Texas, State of Utah, and Last Energy’s complaint against the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to show support for the suit.</p>
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On motion of Vice Chairman Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, with Vice Chairman Lewis and Commissioner Campbell concurring and Commissioner Skrmetta absent, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.