

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2025**  
**OPEN SESSION**

***MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 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 June 18, 2025, convening at 9:12 a.m., and adjourning at 1:32 p.m., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.**

<b>Ex. 1</b>	<p>Vice Chairman Skrmetta announced that the October Business &amp; Executive Meeting will be held in District 1 with the details forthcoming. He also announced that the state of Oklahoma joined SEARUC.</p> <p>Commissioner Lewis announced that the August meeting will be held in Iberville parish with the details forthcoming.</p> <p>Commissioner Coussan welcomed State Representative Larry Bagley to the meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell discussed SWEPCO's high electricity rates with Bobby Gilliam and Jonathan McCartney, both representing SWEPCO.</p> <p>The Commissioners wished Happy Birthday to Lane Sisung, Mark Kleehammer, and Lauren Evans' son, Jameson.</p>
<b>Ex. 2</b>	<p><b>T-37514</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Kenny's Towing, LLC. In re: Cancellation of Common Carrier Certificate No. 7227 for alleged violation of Order T-36550 and for 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 and 2022, for the inspection, control, and supervision of its business services and rates pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statue Title 45:166 and General Order dated November 22, 2011.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the Carrier.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commission Coussan 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 Commissioner Coussan, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on May 28, 2025 for fines and fees totaling \$25.00.</p>

<p><b>Ex. 3</b></p>	<p><b>T-37525</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Legend Water Services LLC. In re: Alleged violation of La. R.S. 45:161 through 180.1, by operating Intrastate without LPSC authority to transport saltwater utilized in oil well exploration and production on eighty-one (81) counts; allegedly occurring on or between March 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the Carrier.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commission Coussan 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 Commissioner Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on April 2, 2025 for fines and fees totaling \$25,025.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 4</b></p>	<p><b>T-37541</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. DW on Demand LLC dba Luxury Limo of Lafayette. In re: Alleged violation of R.S. 45:161 through 180.1 and General Order dated April 25, 2012 by engaging in activities related to transporting passengers intrastate without LPSC authority.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the Carrier.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commission Coussan 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 Commissioner Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commission Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on May 29, 2025 for fines and fees totaling \$525.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 5</b></p>	<p><b>U-36646</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchased Gas Adjustment filings for the natural gas division of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the period of January 2021 through December 2022.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</b></p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on June 3, 2025.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Larry Hand - Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs, Entergy Louisiana</p>

<b>Ex. 6</b>	<p><b>U-36647</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchased Gas Adjustment filings for CenterPoint Arkla for the period of January 2021 through December 2022.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on May 21, 2025.</p>
<b>Ex. 7</b>	<p><b>U-36648</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchased Gas Adjustment filings for CenterPoint Entex for the period of January 2021 through December 2022.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commission Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on May 21, 2025.</p>
<b>Ex. 8</b>	<p><b>U-36682</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: 2022 Test Year Gas Rate Stabilization Plan Filing.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on June 2, 2025.</p>
<b>Ex. 9</b>	<p><b>U-37112</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: 2023 Gas Rate Stabilization Plan filing.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on June 2, 2025.</p>
<b>Ex. 10</b>	<p><b>U-37478</b> - Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Application for approval to establish an Emergency Reserve Fund.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</b></p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on April 29, 2025.</p>
<b>Ex. 11</b>	<p><b>U-37496</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: 2024 Gas Rate Stabilization Plan filing for test year ending September 30, 2024.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</b></p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on June 2, 2025.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Larry Hand - Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs, Entergy Louisiana</p>

<b>Ex. 12</b>	<p><b>U-37530</b> - Louisiana Water Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report for test year ending on December 31, 2024.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</b></p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on May 28, 2025.</p>
<b>Ex. 13</b>	<p><b>U-37531</b> - Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report for test year ending on December 31, 2024.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on June 4, 2025.</p>
<b>Ex. 14</b>	<p><b>U-37595</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for approval to implement a portfolio of Demand Response programs.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside counsel.</b></p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Stone Pigman for a bid of \$214,000 in fees and \$6,000 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$220,000.</p>
<b>Ex. 15</b>	<p><b>Undocketed</b> - Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Expedited Resource Addition Study (ERAs) process.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on delegation of certain authority to the Executive Secretary related to relevant electric retail regulatory authority (RERRA) notifications.</b></p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commission Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Lewis opposing, the Commission voted to delegate to the Commission’s Executive Secretary the authority and discretion to provide the required RERRA notifications, when the Executive Secretary deems it appropriate, and consistent with any FERC approvals of the proposed ERAS process. The vote passed 4:1.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments:  Noel Darce – Outside Counsel for Staff  Jamie Watts – Counsel for MISO  Todd Hillman – Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer for MISO</p>
<b>Ex. 16</b>	<p><b>Undocketed</b> - State Universal Service Fund Administrator.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to renew LaPorte, CPA &amp; Business Advisors' services.</b></p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to renew LaPorte’s services for an additional year, with the option to renew thereafter, under the same billing structure previously approved at \$10,000/month.</p>

Ex. 17	<p><b>TBD - 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte.</b> In re: Notice of Intent to conduct a Request for Proposals.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire an outside consultant.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the bid of United Professionals Company for a bid of \$89,000 in fees and \$1,500 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$90,500.</p>
Ex. 18	<p><b>TBD - 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc.,</b> In re: Request for approval of acquisition of corporate entity with generating facility pursuant to unsolicited offer received and financing related to same.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain J. Kennedy and Associates.</b></p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Vice Chairman Skrmetta opposing, the Commission voted to retain J. Kennedy and Associates for \$155,000 in fees and \$5,000 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$160,000. The motion passed 4:1.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments:  Mark Kleehammer – General Counsel and Chief Regulatory Officer, Cleco Power  Brian Hobbs – CEO, 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc.  Kyle Marionneaux – Counsel for 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc.</p>
Ex. 19	<p><b>1) Reports</b></p> <p><b>- Report from MISO, Cleco Power, ELL, and Staff regarding May 25, 2025 load shed event.</b></p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments:  Jamie Watts – Counsel for MISO  Todd Hillman – Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer for MISO  J.T. Smith – Executive Director Market Operations for MISO  Larry Hand - Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs, Entergy Louisiana  Phillip May – CEO of Entergy Louisiana  Charles Long – Sr. Vice President Power Delivery for Entergy Louisiana  Lane Sisung – Staff Consultant</p> <p><b>2) Resolutions</b></p> <p><b>3) Discussions</b></p> <p>Cynthia Robertson, a constituent of District III voiced her concerns on Entergy’s billing format.</p> <p><b>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</b></p> <p><b>- 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.</b></p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis with Commission Campbell and Commission Coussan concurring and Vice Chairman Skrmetta abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Vice Chairman Skrmetta’s votes taken on May 15, 2025 as the LPSC’s representative on the OMS Board of Directors.</p> <p><b>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify interventions of Louisiana Public Service Commission in RTO-Related or other Federal Energy Regulatory Proceedings.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify the actions taken in FERC Docket Nos. ER25-2040,</p>

25-2132, ER25-2134, AC25-94, EL 25-80.ER25-1846-001, ER25-2247, ER25-2258, and EC25-89.

### **5) Directives**

#### **- Directive to initiate After-Action Review of MISO May 25, 2025 load shed event.**

##### **At the request of Commissioner Lewis.**

Commissioner Lewis' directive reads as follows: I direct that an After Action Review of Entergy and Cleco's outages on May 25, 2025 be performed in accordance with LPSC General Order No. R-32786, Attachment A, Section III. In conducting this review, the Staff, assisted by consultant and special counsel retained for MISO monitoring, shall review and report on the following:

1. The causes, including the root causes, of ELL and Cleco's outages and MISO's load shed order;
2. Recommendations for remedying any of the causes identified;
3. Whether notifications to and communications with the Commission and customers regarding the outages were in compliance with General Order No. R-32786, and any other applicable orders or requirements;
4. Recommendations for improvements to communications protocols;
5. Whether any fines, penalties, or monetary damages are warranted pursuant to Section VIII of Attachment A of General Order No. R-32786, or pursuant to any other provision of law.

The Staff shall deliver its After Action Report by August 4, 2025, which should be placed on the agenda to be discussed at the August 2025 Business & Executive Session.

There was no opposition to the directive.

#### **- Directive to Staff on upcoming hurricane season.**

##### **At the request of Vice Chairman Skrmetta.**

Vice Chairman Skrmetta's directive reads as follows: As most of you are aware, the State is experiencing an economic transformation that doesn't seem to be slowing down. This transformation, in part, is due to our state's willingness to adapt when needed to ensure Louisiana keeps winning. This Commission has also been known to adapt when needed to ensure Louisiana residents have access to reliable, affordable electricity, and that when disasters strike, our utilities have the ability to safely and quickly restore electricity to Louisiana. Louisiana was one of the first states to utilize low-cost securitization financing after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Following the damaging storms of 2020 and 2021, this Commission recognized the benefits of securitizing quickly in order to mitigate cost impacts to ratepayers, saving Louisiana residents more than \$1.2B.

To that end, and in anticipation of this year's hurricane season, I direct Staff to work diligently with any utility who files an application seeking securitization of storm costs in order to ensure our utilities have the capital available not only to restore power quickly and safely and pay restoration contractors, but also to avoid interference with on-going investments to support transformative economic development opportunities coming to Louisiana. Any utility seeking securitization for storm costs this year shall file a proposed financing order with its application, and Staff shall use best efforts to have the financing order to the Commission for consideration at the next available B&E after the application is filed. Any financing order issued by the Commission does not preclude Staff's continuation of a full prudence review of any storm costs, and final recommendation to the Commission, including the potential to order refunds of any imprudent expenditures.

	<p>Staff also is directed to issue an RFP(s) seeking assistance in the preliminary review of storm costs, as well as assist in the execution of the financing order. Any consultant hired shall have the opportunity to submit a proposed budget for the full prudence review after any financing order has been approved by the Commission.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Coussan concurring and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Lewis opposing, the directive passed 3:2.</p>
<b>Ex. 20</b>	<p><b>U-36972</b> - Phillips 66 Company vs. Entergy Louisiana, LLC. In re: Complaint and Petition to determine and discontinue overcharges from Entergy and request for refund.</p> <p><b>In re: Update on Docket from Staff.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Commissioner Coussan.</b></p> <p>Staff Attorney Paul Rachal gave an update to the Commission.</p>
<b>Ex. 21</b>	<p><b>U-37586</b> - Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Application for an increase in rates, including interim rates, tariff modifications, and for the establishment of an emergency reserve fund.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Interim Rate Increase pursuant to Rule 57.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Chairman Francis.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to grant Concordia Electric's request for an increase in rates, including interim rates, tariff modifications, and for the establishment of an emergency reserve fund subject to refund and applicable bonding requirements. Further, Concordia is required to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) File proof of the applicable bond requirements with the Commission;</li> <li>2) File an updated tariff indicating the interim rate, and its terms, with the Utilities Division with 30 days of the order approving such interim rate; and</li> <li>3) Concordia cannot begin charging the interim rate until proof of the applicable bond requirements and an updated tariff have been provided to, and approved by Staff.</li> </ol>
<b>Ex. 22</b>	<p><b>Undocketed</b> - Directive to Staff to open a rulemaking to review the Commission's rules on common carrier pipelines.</p> <p><b>At the request of Vice Chairman Skrmetta.</b></p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta's directive reads as follows: The Commission's General Order dated March 9, 2015 (Rules Applicable to Common Carrier Petroleum Pipelines) is over ten-years old, I direct Staff to open a rulemaking to review, and potentially revise, this General Order to account for the ever-evolving industry, including an analysis of whether the regulations currently applicable to liquid petroleum pipelines should be expanded to include other types of common carrier pipelines that may become jurisdictional. This rulemaking should also consider establishing terms and definitions associated with common carrier pipelines for the purpose of the Commission's review of tariff related matters. Further, Staff should coordinate with the La. Department of Energy and Natural Resources on this rulemaking, to the extent they are willing to.</p> <p>There was no opposition to the directive.</p>

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in a location yet to be determined.