

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM JUNE 17, 2026
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 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 MIKE FRANCIS COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY. COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL WAS ABSENT.

Open Session of June 17, 2026, convening at 9:17 a.m., and adjourning at 12:51 p.m., at the Galvez Building, 602 N. 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-named members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

Ex. 1	<p>Chairman Skrmetta and Executive Counsel Kathryn Bowman wished Lane Sisung, Mark Kleehammer, and Deputy General Counsel, Lauren Evans' son, Jameson Evans, a Happy Birthday.</p> <p>Chairman Skrmetta and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey announced Commissioner Campbell's health was improving and wished him well.</p> <p>Commissioner Francis expressed his condolences on the passing of a dear friend, Bobby John.</p> <p>Chairman Skrmetta also expressed his condolences on the passing of a dear friend, John Theriot, and reminded everyone that the Commission will not hold a July Business and Executive Session, but hoped everyone will celebrate the country's 250th birthday next month.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Coussan spoke on the status of Docket No. R-37905, encouraging outside participation in the docket, and for Staff to work as efficiently as possible to reach a resolution in the matter. Deputy General Counsel Lauren Evans stated that Staff would soon issue a Notice of Procedural Schedule and the First Set of Requests for Information (RFI) that would establish a timeline for responses to the RFI, issuance of a Draft Rule, date of a technical conference, and deadlines to file comments to be taken into consideration in the preparation of a Final Rule to be voted on at a future B&E meeting. Vice Chairman Coussan expressed the importance of engineering subject matter experts' participation in the rulemaking process.</p>
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<p>Ex. 2</p>	<p>T-37136 - Cantium, LLC Vs. Rosefield Fourchon Operating, LLC. In re: Complaint against Rosefield for transportation and terminaling of crude oil as a Common Carrier without a tariff on file with the Commission at rates that are excessive and request that Rosefield pay reparations, refunds and damages for charges above just and reasonable rates.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Rosefield's Motion to Rehear Order No. T-37136-A's escrow requirement.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to grant Rosefield’s Request to rehear Order No. T-37136-A’s escrow requirement.</p> <p>After discussion, Chairman Skrmetta made the following motion:</p> <p>The Chair reiterates and clarifies the March 2026 motion requiring Commission Staff to establish an escrow account for this matter until such time as all litigation is complete, either by judicial action or by the Commission, with two separate identifiable provisions. The first provision is for all payments above \$0.67 per barrel made to Rosefield by Harvest or Cantium, from October 2023 through March 2026, be placed into the Commission identified escrow account. The second provision is for all payments above \$0.67 per barrel made by Cantium to Rosefield, from March 2026 until litigation is complete in this matter, be placed into the Commission identified escrow account.</p> <p>Chairman Skrmetta’s motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Commissioner Francis and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to approve Chairman Skrmetta’s motion.</p> <p>After granting the Request for Rehearing and discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Commissioner Francis and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to deny Rosefield’s request to reconsider Order No. T-37136-A.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Jamie Watts – Counsel for Rosefield Fourchon Operating, LLC Mathew Simone – Counsel for Cantium, LLC</p>
<p>Ex. 3</p>	<p>T-37789 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Rodney Dupre, Jr. dba Jace's Towing & Transport. In re: Alleged violation of (1) La. R.S. 45:161 through 180.1 and General Order dated November 8, 1999, by operating Intrastate without LPSC authority and (2) General Order dated December 20, 2024 for exceeding state prescribed rates, allegedly having occurred on or about October 04, 2025.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Chairman Skrmetta and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission accepted the Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge (Corrected) issued on June 5, 2026.</p>

<p>Ex. 4</p>	<p>T-37844 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Keep It Moving Moving Services, LLC. In re: Alleged violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 45:168 and General Orders dated July 01, 1921, as amended, April 03, 2008, as amended, and July 12, 2013 by exceeding rates as outlined in the company’s tariff dated May 23, 2019, while operating under Common Carrier Certificate No. 7508-A allegedly having occurred on or about June 27, 2025.</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 Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on May 4, 2026 for fines and fees totaling \$525.00.</p>
<p>Ex. 5</p>	<p>T-37907 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Jeff Middlebrooks Trucking, LLC. In re: Alleged violation of La. R.S. 45:161 through 180.1, by operating beyond the scope of authority in Common Carrier Certificate No. 8683 on one (1) count occurring on or about January 27, 2026</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 Commissioner Francis, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, with Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Francis concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on May 20, 2026 for fines and fees totaling \$1,525.00.</p>
<p>Ex. 6</p>	<p>S-37857 - National Water Infrastructure, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for Letter of Non-Opposition to enter into certain credit facilities, issue guarantees, and grant security interests in its assets in connection with the credit facilities.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, with Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on May 27, 2026.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Myron Lambert – CEO of National Water Infrastructure, LLC Drake Bettis – CFO of National Water Infrastructure, LLC</p>

<p>Ex. 7</p>	<p>S-37881 - Cleco Power LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for extension and amendment of blanket financing authorization.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, with Commissioner Lewis concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on June 3, 2026.</p>
<p>Ex. 8</p>	<p>U-37225 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval of a Natural Gas Cost Stabilization Program.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on May 26, 2026.</p>
<p>Ex. 9</p>	<p>U-37359 - Diversion Water Company, L.L.C., ex parte. In re: Application for an increase in rates and service charges.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, with Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on May 8, 2026.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Byron Garrety – Counsel for Diversion Water Company, L.L.C. Parrish Valega – Owner of Diversion Water Company, L.L.C.</p>

<p>Ex. 10</p>	<p>U-37563 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. Application for Certification of the Adams Creek-Robert 230kV Project pursuant to General Order dated September 10, 2024 (Transmission Siting Order).</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Final Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.</p> <p>Chairman Skrmetta made the following motion:</p> <p>It is my view that the benefits of the project exceed the costs. It will not only provide an additional north-south route into the Amite South load pocket, but it will also provide an additional 100 MW of load serving and import capability. The project will also increase reliability and prevent thermal overloads as block loads are added to the system in the future. It will provide increased extreme weather event resilience. And, had the project been in service at the time, it would have prevented the May 25, 2025 load shed event. Therefore, I move that the Commission reject the Final Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge and find that the Adams-Creek to Robert 230 kV Project is in the public interest, its siting and completion will serve the public convenience and necessity, and the project complies with the requirements of the Commission’s 2024 Siting Order dated September 10, 2024. In addition, Staff testimony recommended various reporting requirements in its direct testimony, which were not contested. This approval adopts Staff’s recommended reporting requirements filed into the record on September 16, 2025. Specifically, those requirements are referenced at pp. 17-18 of the Direct Testimony of R. Lane Sisung and pp. 21-23 of the Direct Testimony of John A. Chapman.</p> <p>Chairman Skrmetta’s motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis. With Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to reject the Final Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge and approve the Application for Certification of the Adams Creek-Robert 230kV Project, subject to certain conditions contained in Staff’s recommendation.</p>
<p>Ex. 11</p>	<p>U-37586 - 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>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, with Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on May 12, 2026.</p>

<p>Ex. 12</p>	<p>U-37602 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchase Gas Adjustment filings for CenterPoint Energy Arkla for the period of January 2023 through March 31, 2025.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, with Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on May 1, 2026.</p>
<p>Ex. 13</p>	<p>U-37604 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchase Gas Adjustment filings for CenterPoint Energy Entex for the period of January 2023 through March 31, 2025.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Francis concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on May 1, 2026.</p>
<p>Ex. 14</p>	<p>U-37704 - Utilities, Inc. of Louisiana, ex parte. In re: Request for: 1) review and adjustment of base rates following merger with French Settlement Water Company; 2) modification and extensions of Formula Rate Plan; 3) a depreciation study; 4) modifications to its tariff; and 5) interim rate relief.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Commissioner Francis and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on June 5, 2026.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Kara Kantrow – Counsel for Utilities, Inc. of Louisiana Aaron Accardo – President of Utilities, Inc. of Louisiana</p>
<p>Ex. 15</p>	<p>U-37741 - Delta North Louisiana Gas Company, LLC, ex parte. In re: Rate Stabilization Plan Earnings Annual Report for the twelve months ending June 30, 2025.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Francis concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on June 5, 2026.</p>

<p>Ex. 16</p>	<p>U-37742 - Delta South Louisiana Gas Company, LLC, ex parte. In re: Rate Stabilization Plan Annual Earnings Report for the twelve months ending June 30, 2025.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, with Commissioner Lewis concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on June 5, 2026.</p>
<p>Ex. 17</p>	<p>U-37763 - Evangeline Gas Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for an increase in rates, request for approval of rate stabilization plan, and request of Commission's non-opposition for a loan and line of credit for operating expenses.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Francis concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on May 28, 2026.</p>
<p>Ex. 18</p>	<p>X-37919 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Notice of audit of purchase gas adjustment filings for Delta North Louisiana Gas Company, LLC for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.</p> <p>X-37920 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Notice of audit of purchase gas adjustment filings for Delta Capital Gas Company, LLC for the period of July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.</p> <p>X-37922 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Notice of audit of purchase gas adjustment filings for Delta South Louisiana Gas Company, LLC for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, with Commissioner Francis concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to retain Drexel Hamilton, LLC for \$76,500 in fees and \$5,000 in expenses for a total budget not to exceed \$81,500.</p>

<p>Ex. 19</p>	<p>TBD - Cleco Power LLC and Cleco Partners L.P. In re: Joint Application for authorization in the change of ownership and control of Cleco Power LLC.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain outside counsel.</p> <p>Commissioner Francis moved to retain Fishman Haygood, which was seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent.</p> <p>Chairman Skrmetta made a substitute motion to retain Patrick Miller for \$185,000 in fees and \$5,000 in expenses for a total budget not to exceed \$190,000, which failed for lack of a second.</p> <p>Commissioner Francis' original motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Chairman Skrmetta concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to retain Fishman Haygood L.L.P. for \$325,000 in fees and \$15,000 in expenses for a total budget not to exceed \$340,000.</p>
<p>Ex. 20</p>	<p>Undocketed - State Universal Service Fund Administrator.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to renew Mauldin and Jenkins, CPA & Business Advisors' services.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Francis concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted renew Mauldin & Jenkins' (formerly LaPorte) services for an additional year, with the option to renew thereafter, under the same billing structure previously approved for \$10,000 per month.</p>
<p>Ex. 21</p>	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions/Public Comment</p> <p>Discussion with Connexon regarding status of the Company's RDOF deployment.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP/FERC</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 Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Francis concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to ratify the actions taken in FERC Docket Nos. ER26-2249, ER26-2373, ER26-2374, ER26-2448, ER26-2450, and EL26-74.</p> <p>- 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.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p> <p>5) Directives</p>

Ex. 22

U-37584 - Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for extension of Formula Rate Plan.

In re: Discussion and possible vote on Final Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.

At the request of Chairman Skrmetta.

After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, with Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to approve the Final Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge filed into the record on June 10, 2026.

Present for Questions/Comments:

Josiah Cox – President of Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, LLC

Cindy Case-Brown – Self

Gilda Washington – Self

Connie Norris – Self

Chris Justin – Self

John Young – Self

Representative Stephanie Hilferty – Self

Chairman Skrmetta also gave the following directive: The Commission has been made aware of complaints regarding Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, which have surfaced in interventions into active dockets, complaints to district offices, and in parish resolutions directed at both Magnolia and the Commission. These complaints have varied and have generally been regarding water service quality as well as lack of transparency for repairs and upgrades.

As such, I direct Staff to initiate an independent investigative audit of Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company on its billing, customer-service, and acquisition practices, as well as its compliance with other regulatory agencies. Notice of this audit will be filed in the Commission’s Official Bulletin for purposes of initiating the audit and providing notice to the public that such an audit will be conducted; however, as with any Commission audit, there will be no intervention or participation from the public until after the conclusion of the audit.

Commission Staff is authorized to seek outside assistance as necessary for this audit, and should, at a minimum, seek an outside consultant to conduct the audit. In addition, Staff shall coordinate with the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and any relevant State or Federal regulatory agency who regulates Magnolia.

In conducting this audit, Staff shall exercise all reasonable and best efforts to bring the results of this independent audit back to the Commission timely, but no later than the February 2027 Business and Executive Session. There was no opposition.

Ex. 23	<p>In re: Election of ERSC, SPP, and OMS Representatives for 2026.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Skrmetta.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, with Commissioner Lewis concurring, Vice Chairman Coussan temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to elect Commissioner Francis as the ERSC, SPP, and OMS Representative for the remainder of 2026.</p>
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On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Francis, with Commissioner Lewis 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, August 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.