

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM MARCH 18, 2026
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 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 March 18, 2026, convening at 9:27 a.m., and adjourning at 1:49 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.

<p>Ex. 1</p>	<p>Vice Chairman Coussan welcomed his lifelong friend, Anthony Adams, to the meeting.</p> <p>Chairman Skrmetta announced that the April B&E Meeting would be held on April 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the Hotel Bentley in Alexandria. Commissioner Francis announced that the meeting will be casual attire.</p> <p>Robin Pendergrass, Audit Director, welcomed the Commissioner’s newest auditor, Courtney Gordon.</p>
<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 19th JDC’s remand to the Commission for jurisdictional determination of Rosefield.</p> <p>After discussion, Chairman Skrmetta made the following motion: I move that the Commission not amend its findings in Order No. T-37136 where Rosefield Fourchon Operating Company was found to be a common carrier pipeline under Louisiana law, as the recently amended La. R.S. 45:251 and 255 do not alter the Commission’s finding. I further recommend that the Commission move forward with my directive from the June 2025 B&E to open a rulemaking to review and potentially revise the Commission’s General Order dated March 9, 2015. Chairman Skrmetta’s motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Commissioner Lewis concurring and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Francis temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept Chairman Skrmetta’s motion.</p> <p>After discussion, Chairman Skrmetta also made the following motion: Further, given the Commission’s finding that Rosefield is a common carrier pipeline subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction, I also move that the Commission require Rosefield to place all payments made by Harvest or Cantium, since October 2023 until March 2026 for any amounts in excess of \$0.67 per barrel into an escrow account until resolution of this docket. I further move that any future payments made by Harvest or Cantium, in excess of \$0.67 per barrel will be held in an escrow account until such time that the Commission has had the opportunity to establish a reasonable rate.</p>

	<p>Rosefield shall work with Commission Staff on establishing the escrow account. Chairman Skrmetta’s motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Commissioner Lewis concurring and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Francis temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept Chairman Skrmetta’s second motion.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to take a matter up not on the agenda.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to enter Executive Session.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to exit Executive Session.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Ryan French – Counsel on behalf of International Liquid Terminal Association & Liquid Energy Pipeline Association Jamie Watts – Counsel for Rosefield Fourchon Operating, LLC Camille Gauthier – Counsel for Rosefield Fourchon Operating, LLC Kimberly Clegge – Consultant for Rosefield Fourchon Operating, LLC Matthew Simone – Counsel for Cantium, LLC</p>
<p>Ex. 3</p>	<p>T-37796 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. AD Movers, 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.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on the Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the carrier.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on March 4, 2026 for fines and fees totaling \$525.</p>

<p>Ex. 4</p>	<p>T-37814 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Lagniappe Chauffeured Services LLC. 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>In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on the Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the carrier.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, 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, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on February 26, 2026 for fines and fees totaling \$525.</p>
<p>Ex. 5</p>	<p>R-37773 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Vegetation Management Pilot Program.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Recommendation of Final Rule. Exhibit 5 on the February 25, 2026 Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff's Recommendation on Final Rules filed into the record on February 13, 2026.</p>
<p>Ex. 6</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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. Exhibit 7 on the February 18, 2026 Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p>
<p>Ex. 7</p>	<p>U-37464 - Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation, ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non-Opposition to establish a regulatory asset and for recovery of costs associated therewith.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on an Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation filed into the record on January 13, 2026.</p>

<p>Ex. 8</p>	<p>U-37595 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for approval of Demand Response Programs, including cost recovery.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on February 9, 2026.</p>
<p>Ex. 9</p>	<p>U-37706 - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Request for approval of short-term capacity purchase agreements pursuant to the Commission's General Order dated September 30, 1983 and the Market Based Mechanisms Order.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on February 6, 2026.</p>
<p>Ex. 10</p>	<p>U-37735 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application to terminate the River Bend Deregulated Asset Plan, return said deregulated assets to rate base and other associated relief.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain Fishman Haygood.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Fishman Haygood for \$164,000 in fees and \$10,000 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$174,000.</p>
<p>Ex. 11</p>	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions/Public Comments 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 Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify the actions taken in ER26-1087, ER26-1197, ER26-1355, ER26-1311, AND ER26-1323.</p> <p>5) Directives</p> <p>Directive to Staff to open a rulemaking to consider a framework for establishing new large load.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Lewis and Vice Chairman Coussan.</p> <p>Exhibit 15 on the February 25, 2026 Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>Commissioner Lewis and Vice Chairman Coussan directed Staff to hold a Technical Conference on the Non-Binding Guidelines related to large load customers with a report back to the Commission no later than December 2026.</p> <p>After discussion, there was no opposition to the directive.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Andrew Baker- Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance</p>

Ex. 12

U-37394 - South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association, ex parte. In re: Petition for approval of abandonment of electric facilities located in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes pursuant to Commission General Order dated July 9, 2008 (R-30301).

In re: Discussion and possible vote of Proposed Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge pursuant to Rule 57.

At the request of Vice Chairman Coussan.

On motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Commissioner Lewis objecting, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57.

After discussion, Vice Chairman Coussan made the following motion:

- 1) Deny in part the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation and grant SLECA's request to abandon only the lines identified as the Lake de Cade segment of the Lake Lines based on the evidence provided in the record that SLECA's request to abandon this segment was made as a 'last resort;'
- 2) Accept in part the ALJ's recommendation and find that SLECA failed to make a *prima facie* case and therefore has not met its burden of proof regarding the abandonment of the Lake Fields, Four Point, and Grand Pass segments of the Lake Lines;
- 3) Remand SLECA's request to abandon these three remaining segments to the Administrative Law Judge with the following instructions: Within 15 days from today, the Tribunal shall establish a procedural schedule in this docket for SLECA to have the opportunity to offer additional evidence into the record to make its *prima facie* case, and Parties to conduct additional discovery and analysis, regarding the evidentiary deficiencies addressed in the ALJ's recommendation, specifically the requirements of Sections B(4), B(7), B(8), B(9), and B(10) of the General Order dated July 9, 2008 in an expeditious manner, and best efforts, as to have a recommendation back to the Commission by the September 2026 B&E; and
- 4) I further direct Staff to issue any requests for proposals for the hiring of outside consultants, including but not limited to engineering and economic analysis consultants, it deems necessary for assistance in its analysis of the remaining issues on remand.

Commissioner Lewis made a substitute motion to accept the ALJ Recommendation, which failed for lack of a second.

Present for Questions/Comments:

Sara Boudreaux – Intervenor

Brent Story – Intervenor

Jason Melancon – Interested Party

Thomas Boudreaux – Self

Alden Marrero – Self

Kyle Marionneaux - Counsel for SLECA

Kara Kantrow – Counsel for SLECA

Matthew Peters – General Manager, SLECA

W. Brook Samuel – VP of Booth & Associate, Consultant to SLECA

Jason Guy – Royal Engineer Consultants, Consultant to SLECA

Justin Proctor – CH Guernsey Company, Consultant to SLECA

<p>Ex. 13</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 Uncontested Stipulated Settlement pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Campbell.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on March 12, 2026.</p>
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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, April 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hotel Bentley, 200 DeSoto Street, Alexandria, LA 71301.