

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FROM MAY 22, 2024**  
**OPEN SESSION**

***MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2024 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 CRAIG GREENE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.***

**Open Session of May 22, 2024, convening at 9:20 a.m., and adjourning at 10:30 p.m., at the Galvez Building, 602 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.**

<b>Ex. 1</b>	<p>Executive Counsel Kathryn Bowman announced the June Business &amp; Executive Session would be held in Metairie to coincide with the Louisiana Advanced Nuclear Competitive Edge project, which will be held on June 17-18 at Copeland Towers.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Lewis welcomed back his Executive Assistant, Charlotte Cravins, after having her baby boy, Landry.</p> <p>Executive Secretary Frey gave an update on Docket No. X-37183 regarding the investigative audit of Beauregard Electric Cooperative, and wished his wife, Nicole, a Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.</p> <p>Deputy General Counsel Lauren Evans provided an update on Docket No. R-35462.</p>
<b>Ex. 2</b>	<p><b>T-37019</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs Move Precision 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><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 Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take the matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on May 1, 2024 for fines and fees totaling \$525.00.</p>

<p><b>Ex. 3</b></p>	<p><b>T-37085</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Benson Dupre Moving Services 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><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 Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take the matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to Accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on April 18, 2024 for fines and fees totaling \$525.00.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 4</b></p>	<p><b>U-35806</b> - Cleco Power LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for Recovery of Lost Revenues Related to LPSC Special Order Nos. 22-2020, 28-2020, and 43-2020, and Request for Accounting Order.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on April 11, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 5</b></p>	<p><b>U-36625</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval of the Entergy Future Ready Resilience Plan (Phase I).</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on budget increase for CSRS due to scope expansion.</b></p> <p><b>DEFERRED</b></p>
<p><b>Ex. 6</b></p>	<p><b>U-36685</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for certification and approval of the 2022 Solar Portfolio, including eligibility for inclusion in the Company's Geaux Green Option.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement pursuant to Rule 57.</b></p> <p><b>Exhibit 9 on April 19, 2024 B&amp;E agenda.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take the matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on May 15, 2024</p>

<p><b>Ex. 7</b></p>	<p><b>U-36697</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval of an alternative market-based mechanism process seeking to secure up to 3,000 MW of solar resources, including certification of those resources, expansion of the Geaux Green Option Rider, and approval of a new renewable tariff.</p> <p><b>In Re: Discussion and possible vote on Stipulated Settlement pursuant to Rule 57.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take the matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Proposed Settlement filed into the record on May 15, 2024.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments:  Larry Hand – Vice President for Regulatory &amp; Public Affairs for Entergy Louisiana  Elizabeth Ingram – Director, Regulatory Research for Entergy Louisiana</p>
<p><b>Ex. 8</b></p>	<p><b>U-36836</b> - Peoples of Bastrop, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for approval of an increase in water rates, including change in rate design, an interim capital improvements charge, and the Commission's non-opposition to certain loans associated with said capital improvements charge.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on April 22, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 9</b></p>	<p><b>U-36984</b> - Cleco Power, LLC, ex parte. In re: Audit of Cleco Power LLC's Quick Start Energy Efficiency Rate Rider, pursuant to the Commission's Energy Efficiency Rules, for program years 7 and 8, ending December 31, 2021 and 2022, respectively.</p> <p><b>In Re: Discussion and possible vote of Joint Report and Draft Order.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and Draft Order filed into the record on April 30, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 10</b></p>	<p><b>U-37131</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for certification of the construction of the Bayou Power Station, including cost recovery.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultant.</b></p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals Company with a bid of \$148,000 in fees and \$3,000 in expenses for a total budget not to exceed \$151,000.</p>

<p><b>Ex. 11</b></p>	<p><b>U-37155</b> - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report for Test Years 2022 and 2023.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain outside consultant.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals Company with a bid of \$87,000 in fees and \$2,000 in expenses for a total budget not to exceed \$89,000.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 12</b></p>	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions</p> <p>Secretary Tyler Gray with the Department of Energy and Natural Resources discussed the goals of his department and working with the Commission on ways of achieving those goals that would be beneficial for the state of Louisiana.</p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta requested that Staff begin preparing legislation for the 2025 Legislative Session to allow for the Commission to put certain distressed water or wastewater systems into receivership.</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</p> <p><b>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify votes taken by Chairman Francis acting as the Commission's representative on the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, with Vice Chairman Lewis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Chairman Francis abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify the votes taken by Chairman Francis on May 6, 2024.</p> <p>5) Directives</p>
<p><b>Ex. 13</b></p>	<p><b>U-36174</b> - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Application for Recovery of Certain Storm Damage Costs Incurred as a Result of Hurricane Laura and Delta and the February 2021 Winter Storm Event, related securitization financing, establishment of a storm reserve, and for recovery of storm damage costs associated with the June 2023 storms.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Commissioner Campbell.</b></p> <p><b>DEFERRED</b></p>

<b>Ex. 14</b>	<p><b>U-37062</b> - Cleco Power, LLC., ex parte. In re: Second amended restated Formula Rate Plan Annual Earnings Monitoring Report for 12 Months Ended June 30, 2023.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Commissioner Skrmetta.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and Draft Order filed into the record on May 15, 2024.</p>
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On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adjourn.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.