

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2025
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2025 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN LAFAYETTE, 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 May 19, 2025, convening at 10:14 a.m., and adjourning at 2:23 p.m., Lafayette Consolidated Government, 705 W. University Avenue, Lafayette, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

| | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ex. 1 | <p>Chairman Francis thanked Commissioner Coussan for hosting the Business & Executive Session in Lafayette, and introduced the Mayor-President of Lafayette, Monique Blanco-Boulet, to the meeting. Mayor Blanco-Boulet welcomed everyone to Lafayette and thanked the Commission for their public service. Commissioner Coussan thanked Mayor Blanco-Boulet for her leadership.</p> <p>Commissioner Lewis discussed the LIHEAP program and the urgent need to keep funding for the program and thank the utility companies for their support in the program.</p> |
| Ex. 2 | <p>T-37136 - Cantium, LLC Vs. Rosefield Fourchon Operating, LLC. In re: Complaint against Rosefield for transportation and terminalling 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 Fourchon Operating LLC's Motion for Immediate Review of Interlocutory Ruling and Motion for a Stay of Proceedings pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Vice 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 Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to uphold the ALJ's Ruling on Exceptions issued on December 3, 2024.</p> |
| Ex. 3 | <p>T-37358 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Move Precision LLC. In re: Alleged violation of Order T-37019 for failure to comply to the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on May 1, 2024.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge issued on April 8, 2025.</p> |

Ex. 4

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.

In re: Discussion and possible vote to rehear General Order dated May 6, 2025, pursuant to Rule 43.

At the request of Commissioner Lewis.

Commissioner Lewis' motion reads as follows: At the April 16, 2025 Business and Executive Session, the Commission approved a motion to cease work towards implementing Phase II rules in the Energy Efficiency docket, R-31106. Without further action, the Quick Start programs will conclude at the end of calendar year 2025. To continue the important work of this docket, I move to (1) reconsider the Commission's April vote as a means to (2) assess which type of Energy Efficiency program will provide the most energy savings at the least reasonable costs. In consultation with staff and other Commissioners, I move that Staff implement the following course of action:

1. Staff will produce an analysis of the costs and benefits of the various options for the Commission's Energy efficiency program. The report should provide a like-for-like comparison so that the options may be assessed on equal footing.
2. Staff will convene a technical conference of the Energy Efficiency Working Group in which all parties may offer their input on the analysis, their views on the options' respective merits, and generally discuss these matters in an open forum.
3. Staff will consider the input of others from the Working Group, and if necessary, produce an updated analysis of the various options for the Commission's Energy Efficiency program.
4. Staff will provide its final analysis to the Commission in order for the Commission to vote on the Energy Efficiency program at the August 2025 B&S.

This motion should provide a framework for a deliberative, transparent consideration of the most prudent next steps in this rulemaking.

After discussion, the motion by Commissioner Lewis failed due to a lack of a second.

Commissioner Coussan made the following motion:

I move that the Commission establish the Louisiana Public Service Commission Energy Efficiency Program which shall incorporate components of the formally approved Quick Start Program and the formerly approved Public Entity Program, but which shall be modified to conform to new rules set forth by the Commission under the newly formed LPSC Energy Efficiency Program.

I therefore further move that the Staff issue a proposed rule for stakeholder feedback that creates the LPSC Energy Efficiency Program providing for new energy efficiency rules incorporating components of current programs provided that the following shall be addressed *inter alia*:

1. That all electric cooperatives and industrial customers are excluded but shall have the option to opt in;
2. That the program budget shall be revised to modestly increase the budget authorized in the current rules with ultimate approval by the Commission at a future B&E; and
3. There shall be a cap placed on administrative costs each utility can incur under the program.

| | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | <p>Commissioner Coussan also asked staff to incorporate Commissioner Lewis’ components regarding an orderly path forward and conducting a technical conference.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Coussan, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Lewis opposing, the Commission voted to accept the substitute motion. The motion passed 4:1.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Sally Donlon – Citizens of Lafayette/10,000 Women James Hiatt - Self Anthony Laska -Self/E&E Strategies Windy Beck – Deep South Center for Environmental Justice Logan Burke – The Alliance for Affordable Energy</p> |
| Ex. 5 | <p>R-35462 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Rulemaking to Research and Evaluate Customer-Centered Options for all Electric Customer Classes as well as Other Regulatory Environments.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Entergy Louisiana LLC's Motion for Commission Guidance and Consideration.</p> <p>Exhibit 5 on the April 2025 B&E.</p> <p>Commissioner Francis made the following motion:</p> <p>The Commission has been asked to provide guidance on whether this docket has satisfied its intended purpose and whether the docket should proceed. I believe this docket already has provided material benefits to customers with improved transparency and the addition of customer-centered options for meeting power needs as set forth in the August 1, 2024 General Order and as read into the record by Mrs. Bowman just now.</p> <p>I further believe that expending the significant utility and Commission resources that would be required to investigate a fundamental shift in this Commission’s policy to full or limited retail open access in Louisiana is not in the best interest of the public at this time for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A shift from traditional regulation to retail open access for certain industrial customers is driven by a desire for those certain industrial customers to reduce their electricity cost. As the Commission previously recognized when limited retail open access was last explored, this has the very real effect of creating stranded costs and the potential for increased costs to other customers, both contrary to the aims of this rulemaking. 2. No other jurisdictions have made a shift from traditional rate regulation to the type of open access being considered in this docket since the early 2000s and some, such as Virginia, have rolled back attempts to restructure due to the impacts on retail customers. As another example, Michigan adopted a form of retail access in 2000 but capped it at 10% for 2010 usage for similar reasons. 3. Retail open access may provide all or some limited class of customers with a choice of generator, but those customers would still be dependent on their current utility for the transmission and distribution lines to transmit the electricity produced from the selected generator. Accordingly, customers will still be dealing with Entergy, Cleco, SWEPCO, and the cooperatives for the reliability and quality of service delivered, including dealing with issues of hurricane recovery, resilience, etc. Contrary to the reports I have seen, retail access does not mean customers get rid of their provider, they actually just add one. |

| | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Regarding such a new provider, new regulatory processes for customer protection and/or resource adequacy assurance would need to be created to accompany any type of retail access. 5. Nothing today prevents any large industrial customer from building its own generator to supply their own power needs. 6. A meaningful analysis of retail open access would require the dedication of significant Commission and utility resources at a time when those resources are consumed by efforts to modernize the grid, address resilience concerns, accommodate unprecedented load growth, transition the cooperative resource mix, and operate in regional transmission organizations. <p>Because this docket has met its intended purpose of producing customer-centered options and because investigation into full or limited retail access is not in the best interest of Louisiana ratepayers, I move that Staff take the necessary steps to close Docket No. R-35462. While I am moving to close this docket, the Commission will remain mindful of and consider customer-centered options that can produce lower electric rates for all customers consistent with its duty to ensure just and reasonable rates for Louisiana ratepayers. The Commission will continue to initiate any and all proceedings that may be necessary in furtherance of that duty.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Lewis opposing, the Commission voted to close the docket. The motion passed 4:1.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Anthony Laska – Self/E&E Strategies Randy Young – Counsel for Louisiana Energy Users Group Lane Sisung – Staff Consultant Larry Hand – Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs, Entergy Louisiana Gordon Polozola – Counsel for Amplify Louisiana, LLC Mark Kleehammer – General Counsel and Chief Regulatory Officer, Cleco Brett Mattison – President, SWEPCO</p> |
| Ex. 6 | <p>S-37562 - Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for approval of Tariff modifications related to transition to new power supplier.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on May 7, 2025.</p> |

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Ex. 7</p> | <p>U-37425- Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval of generation and transmission resources in connection with service to a single customer for a project in North Louisiana.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Motion for Immediate Review of Interlocutory Ruling pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Skrmetta made a motion to take the matter up under Rule 57, which was seconded by Commissioner Coussan, but withdrawn by Vice Chairman Skrmetta prior to Commission consideration.</p> <p>Chairman Francis made the following motion:</p> <p>As the NPO’s have not met the burden of Rule 57 by proving irreparable injury as defined in Louisiana jurisprudence, I move that the Commission decline to take this matter up under Rule 57. Chairman Francis’ motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta.</p> <p>After discussion, Chairman Francis’ motion was withdrawn prior to Commission consideration.</p> <p>As all motions were withdrawn, the Commission declined review the interlocutory ruling.</p> |
| <p>Ex. 8</p> | <p>U-37441 - 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Petition for Qualification of 1803 Electric Cooperative facilities as transmission facilities, and approval of transfer of functional control of transmission facilities to MISO.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Vice Chairman Skrmetta and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Coussan temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on April 28, 2025.</p> |
| <p>Ex. 9</p> | <p>1) Reports</p> <p>- Report from SPP, SWEPCO, and Staff regarding 2025 load shed events.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Campbell.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell’s directive reads as follows:</p> <p>I direct that an After Action Review of SWEPCO’s outages on April 2 and 26, 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 Southwest Power Pool monitoring, shall review and report on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The causes, including the root causes, of SWEPCO’s outages and SPP’s load shed orders; 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. |

| | |
|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | <p>The Staff shall deliver its After Action Report by July 9, 2025, and it should be placed on the agenda to be discussed at the August, 2025 Business & Executive Session.</p> <p>Present for Comments/Questions: Andy Ezell- Outside Counsel for SPP Paul Suskie - Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Southwest Power Pool Antoine Lucas – Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Southwest Power Pool Brett Mattison – President, SWEPCO Melissa Gage – Vice President of Regulatory & Finance, SWEPCO. Bobby Gilliam –Outside Counsel, SWEPCO William Bradford – External Affairs, SWEPCO Hunter Timms – Mayor of Haughton</p> <p>2) Resolutions 3) Discussions 4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</p> <p>- 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.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Commissioner Campbell concurring, Commissioner Coussan temporarily absent, and Vice Chairman Skrmetta abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Vice Chairman Skrmetta’s votes taken on April 17, 2025 and May 2, 2025.</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 Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Coussan temporarily absent, the Commission voted to ratify the actions taken in ER25-1825 and ER25-1886.</p> <p>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify votes cast by Chairman Francis acting as the Commission's representative on the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Campbell concurring, Commissioner Coussan temporarily absent, and Chairman Francis abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Francis’ votes cast on May 5, 2025.</p> <p>5) Directives</p> |
|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, LA.