

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM MAY 13, 2026
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 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 DAVANTE LEWIS, COMMISSIONER MIKE FRANCIS, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY. COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL WAS ABSENT.

Open Session of May 13, 2026, convening at 9:12 a.m., and adjourning at 10:54 a.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	Chairman Skrmetta announced that Commissioner Campbell was ill and would not be in attendance at the meeting.
Ex. 2	<p>S-37813 – Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation, ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non-Opposition to borrow funds, including mortgaging assets, associated with SLEMCO's Construction Work Plan.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>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 Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on April 1, 2026.</p>
Ex. 3	<p>U-36133 - Dixie Electric Membership Corporation, NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC, and Amite Solar, LLC. In re: Joint Application for approval of power supply agreements.</p> <p>U-36135 - Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative, Inc. and NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC. In re: Joint Application for approval of power supply agreements.</p> <p>U-36514 - Concordia Electric Cooperative, NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC, and Mondu Solar, LLC. In re: Joint Application for approval of long-term power supply agreements.</p> <p>U-36515 - Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corporation, NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC, and Mondu Solar, LLC. In re: Joint Application for approval of long-term power supply agreements.</p> <p>U-36516 - Southwest Electric Membership Corporation, NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC, and Beauregard Solar, LLC. In re: Joint Application for approval of long-term power supply agreements.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on scope expansion for United Professionals Company.</p>

	<p>On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Vice Chairman Coussan and Commissioner Francis, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to increase United Professionals Company’s budget on an annual basis, due to scope expansion, for an additional \$47,500 in fees and \$500 in expenses for a total not to exceed annual budget of \$48,000.</p>
<p>Ex. 4</p>	<p>U-37761 – The Baton Rouge Water Works Company, d/b/a Baton Rouge Water Company, ex parte. In re: Request for extension and modification of Formula Rate Plan.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>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 March 27, 2026.</p>
<p>Ex. 5</p>	<p>X-37896 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Notice of audit of fuel adjustment clause filings for Cleco Power, LLC for the period of January 2023 through December 2025.</p> <p>X-37897 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Notice of audit of fuel adjustment clause filings for Southwestern Electric Power Company for the period of January 2023 through December 2025.</p> <p>X-37898 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Notice of audit of fuel adjustment clause filings for Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the period of January 2023 through December 2025.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an outside consultant.</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 retain United Professionals Company for \$175,000 in fees and \$8,000 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$183,000.</p>
<p>Ex. 6</p>	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions/Public Comments</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP/FERC</p> <p>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify interventions of Louisiana Public Service Commission RTO-Related or other Federal Energy Regulatory Proceedings.</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 ratify the actions taken in FERC Docket Nos. ER26-1820, ER17-405, ER17-406, EL26-56, ER26-1915, ER26-1935, ER26-1946, ER26-1962, ER26-1972, ER26-1980, ER26-1999, ER26-2000, ER26-2003, ER26-2015, EL26-58, and ER26-2065.</p>

	<p>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify a vote taken by 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 Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Commissioner Lewis concurring, Chairman Skrmetta abstaining, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Skrmetta’s vote taken on April 17, 2026.</p> <p>5) Directives</p> <p>- Directive to Staff to review and possibly modify Commission General Order dated October 12, 2007 related to franchise fees.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Skrmetta.</p> <p>There was no opposition to this directive</p>
<p>Ex. 7</p>	<p>U-37799 - Dixie Electric Membership Corporation, Amite Solar, LLC and Amite Energy Storage, LLC. In re: Joint application for certification of a Battery Energy Storage Agreement and approval of the third amendment to the Amite Solar Power Purchase Agreement between DEMCO and Amite Solar.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Application pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>At the request of Vice Chairman Coussan.</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 assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take the matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>After discussion, Vice Chairman Coussan made the following motion:</p> <p>The record reflects that the proposed project would provide tangible benefits, including reliability support within a constrained load pocket, increased resource diversity, and a meaningful speed-to-market advantage. The record also provides that this project is relatively low-cost in comparison to other battery options, at least, in part, to its shared interconnection with the Amite Solar farm. It is, however, stipulated that DEMCO did not identify the Amite BESS resource through the Commission’s required open solicitation process, nor provide a true market test, and yet, the proposed resource still provides value.</p> <p>As the Commission retains the authority to waive requirements contained within its rules, and given the unique circumstance presented here, I move that the Commission certify the Amite South Energy Storage Agreement, which provides DEMCO with capacity and energy from a 100 MW, four-hour battery energy storage system, subject to the conditions presented in Staff’s Direct Testimony, and on DEMCO providing both pre- and post-construction reporting to this Commission.</p> <p>This motion is not to be construed as a relaxation of the Commission’s Orders pertaining to the certification of generation, nor as precedent that future battery projects or other capacity resources may bypass the Commission’s competitive procurement requirements. To the contrary, the Commission reaffirms that all requests for certification remain subject to the</p>

	<p>Commission’s established processes, including competitive solicitations where required, and that any request to deviate from those processes must be expressly sought and supported by a strong evidentiary showing.”</p> <p>Vice Chairman Coussan’s motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Francis concurring, Chairman Skrmetta opposing, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to grant the Joint Application filed on November 25, 2026, subject to the conditions proposed in Staff’s Direct Testimony filed on March 6, 2026 and on DEMCO providing both pre- and post-construction reporting to this Commission.</p> <p>The motion passed 3:1.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Kara Kantrow – Counsel for DEMCO Travis Stewart – Consultant for DEMCO Ronnie Donaldson – Consultant for DEMCO Randy Pierce – CEO, General Manager of DEMCO Lane Sisung – Consultant to the Commission Jonathan Bourg – Consultant to the Commission</p>
<p>Ex. 8</p>	<p>TBD - Joint Application of Cleco Power LLC and Cleco Partners L.P. for authorization for the change of ownership and control of Cleco Power LLC.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to expand the scope of United Professionals Company under Docket No. U-33434.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Francis.</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 expand United Professionals Company’s scope of services under Docket No. U-33434 to include the upcoming acquisition application by Cleco Power, without the need to increase the budget at this time. However, should the upcoming acquisition exceed the remaining budget, UPC is allowed to seek a budget increase as part of this retention. The Commission also voted to allow United Professionals Company to amend its hourly rates under this retention to its current discounted hourly rates.</p>
<p>Ex. 9</p>	<p>Civil Suit No. C-777927, Division 34, Rosefield Fourchon Operating LLC vs. Louisiana Public Service Commission.</p> <p>Discussion and possible Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Skrmetta.</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 enter Executive Session.</p>

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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 adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.