

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2022
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2022 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN METAIRIE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN LAMBERT BOISSIERE, VICE CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS, COMMISSIONER ERIC SKRMETTA, COMMISSIONER CRAIG GREENE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY. COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL WAS ABSENT.

Open Session of November 17, 2022, convening at 10:20 a.m., and adjourning at 12:07 p.m., the Copeland Towers, 2601 Severn Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana, with the above-named members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present. Commissioner Foster Campbell was absent.

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| Ex. 1 | <p>Deputy General Counsel Lauren Evans announced the Public Utilities CLE will be held Friday, December 2, 2022 at City Club in Baton Rouge from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Online registration is available at www.lsba.org and in person registration is available.</p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta thanked the Copeland Towers for hosting the B&E Meeting.</p> <p>The Commission wished Commissioner Greene a Happy Birthday.</p> <p>Chairman Boissiere congratulated Vice Chairman Francis on his re-election to District 5. He also thanked NARUC for using New Orleans as its host city.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Francis thanked his constituency, his wife, Staff, and his Executive Assistant Janice Perkins for their support on his re-election.</p> <p>Commissioner Greene asked for thoughts and prayers for the family of Sharon Dungan who recently passed away, who dedicated 17 years of service to District 2. He also asked to keep the family of Randy Pierce in your thoughts and prayers due to the passing of his father.</p> |
| Ex. 2 | <p>T-36373 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Louisiana Environmental Transportation, LLC. In re: Alleged violation of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 45:1177 and 1179 for failure to pay to the state proper fees for the year 2020 for the inspection, control, and supervision of its business service and rates authorized in Common Carrier Certificate Numbers 8314 & 8315 pursuant to General Order dated November 22, 2011.</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 Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, with Chairman Boissiere concurring, Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, 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>On motion of Vice Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, with Chairman Boissiere and Commissioner Greene concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on August 1, 2022 for fines and fees totaling \$525.</p> |

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| <p>Ex. 3</p> | <p>T-36390 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Rodney Dupre, Jr. dba Rodney’s Towing Service. In re: Alleged violation of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 45:1177 and 1179 for failure to pay to the state proper fees for the years 2016-2020 for the inspection, control, and supervision of its business service and rates authorized in Common Carrier Certificate No. 7922 pursuant to General Order dated November 22, 2011.</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 Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, with Chairman Boissiere and Commissioner Greene 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>On motion of Vice Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, with Chairman Boissiere and Commissioner Greene concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on October 5, 2022 for fines and fees totaling \$525.</p> |
| <p>Ex. 4</p> | <p>S-36479 - American Broadband Holding Company, Cameron Communications, LLC, Cameron Telephone Company, LLC, Elizabeth Telephone Company, LLC and LBH, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for Letter of Non-Opposition to issuance of guarantees and pledge of assets as security in connection with debt incurrence by American Broadband Holding Company.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, with Chairman Boissiere and Vice Chairman Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on November 4, 2022.</p> |
| <p>Ex. 5</p> | <p>S-36480 - LBH, LLC, d/b/a Cameron Communications, ex parte. In re: Application for expansion of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation for Lifeline-Only.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, with Chairman Boissiere and Vice Chairman Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on October 26, 2022.</p> |
| <p>Ex. 6</p> | <p>S-36519 - Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non-Opposition to enter into loan agreements with CoBank, ACB.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta made the following motion: I move that Staff’s Report and Recommendation in Docket S-36519 be accepted in its entirety and that the Commission authorize and order that Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, LLC enter into a credit facility with</p> |

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| | <p>CoBank, ACB. I further move that this order go into effect immediately pursuant to Rule 44 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Boissiere, with Vice Chairman Francis and Commissioner Greene concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on November 2, 2022.</p> |
| <p>Ex. 7</p> | <p>U-36105 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for Certification to Deploy Natural Gas-Fired Distributed Generation and Authorization to Implement Rider UODG.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on budget increase for UPC due to an expansion of scope.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, with Chairman Boissiere concurring, Vice Chairman Francis temporarily absent, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to approve the additional budget for UPC in the amount of \$20,000 in fees and \$2,000 in expenses.</p> |
| <p>Ex. 8</p> | <p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions</p> <p>- Discussion and presentation with Midcontinent Independent System Operator CEO, John Bear.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: John Bear, MISO CEO Daryl Brown, MISO Executive Director of South Region David Guerry, Outside Counsel for MISO</p> <p>- Discussion and presentation by Dr. Dismukes, Executive Director of LSU's Center for Energy Studies, on hydrogen as an alternative fuel source.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Dr. David Dismukes, Executive Director of LSU’s Center for Energy Studies Logan Burke, Executive Director of Alliance for Affordable Energy</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</p> <p>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify votes taken by Vice Chairman Francis acting as the Commission's representative on the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, with Chairman Boissiere concurring, Vice Chairman Francis abstaining, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to ratify Vice Chairman Francis’ votes taken on October 24, 2022 as the Louisiana Public Service Commission representative to the SPP RSC.</p> |

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| | <p>-Discussion and possible vote to ratify a vote taken by Commissioner Greene acting as the Commission's representative on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, with Chairman Boissiere concurring, Commissioner Greene abstaining, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to ratify Commissioner Greene's vote taken on October 13, 2022 supporting the OMS comments as the Louisiana Public Service Commission representative to the OMS Board of Directors.</p> <p>5) Directives</p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta requested Executive Secretary Frey issue a letter to the Attorney General Jeff Landry and Senators John Kennedy and Bill Cassidy requesting their support in opposing potential federal legislation that could impede on the Louisiana Public Service Commission's jurisdiction regarding transmission siting. There was no opposition.</p> |
| <p>Ex. 9</p> | <p>S-35994 - HWJ Legacy, LLC dba Two Men and A Truck ex parte. In re: Application to increase tariff rates for Common Carrier Certificate No. 7644.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible Vote Pursuant to Rule 57 on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement executed by the Parties.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Greene.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, with Chairman Boissiere and Vice Chairman 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>On motion of Vice Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Greene, with Chairman Boissiere and Commissioner Skrmetta concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Settlement filed into the record on November 10, 2022.</p> |
| <p>Ex. 10</p> | <p>U-36254 - Dixie Electric Membership Corporation, ex parte. In re: Application for Interim and Final Emergency Rate Relief Pursuant to the Extraordinary Cost Provision of its Formula Rate Plan and Request for Order of the Commission Directing DEMCO Recognize Paycheck Protection Plan Loan Forgiveness in 2022.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Proposed Settlement.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Greene.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, with Chairman Boissiere and Vice Chairman 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> |

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| After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, with Chairman Boissiere and Vice Chairman Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Settlement filed into the record on October 28, 2022. |
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Present for Questions/Comments:

Karl Nalepa, President and Managing Director of ReSolved Consulting, LLC

On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, with Chairman Boissiere and Vice Chairman Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell absent, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.