

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2023
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2023 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN FOSTER CAMPBELL, VICE CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS, COMMISSIONER ERIC SKRMETTA, COMMISSIONER CRAIG GREENE, COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.

Open Session of November 20, 2023, convening at 9:04 a.m., and adjourning at 11:38 a.m., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

Ex. 1	<p>Chairman Campbell announced the December meeting would be in Natchitoches. He also asked for prayers for Commissioner Greene’s father, former State Senator, Tom Greene, who is ill.</p> <p>Commissioner Greene thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for his father. He also welcomed his new Executive Assistant, Grayson Walsh, and wished his former assistant, David Zito, well on his future endeavors.</p> <p>Commissioner Lewis introduced and welcomed his mother to the meeting. He also asked that we invite Tulane Professor Lawrence Conn to a future B&E for a presentation on Utility Vegetation.</p> <p>Executive Counsel Kathryn Bowman provided details for the December B&E, which will be held Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 in Natchitoches at the Natchitoches City Council Chambers. She also reminded everyone that the Public Utilities CLE will be held Friday, December 1, 2023 at the City Club in Baton Rouge. Registration can be found at www.lsba.org/cle.</p> <p>Executive Secretary Brandon Frey congratulated Sarah Rogers, the Commission’s Human Resources Director, on the birth of her baby girl, Elizabeth Jean.</p>
Ex. 2	<p>T-36678 - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Clark Moving Specialists, 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 on Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Chairman Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge issued October 20, 2023.</p>

<p>Ex. 3</p>	<p>S-36260 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. Application for Approval of Withdrawal of Certain Tariffs and the Modification of Others.</p> <p>Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Francis, seconded by Chairman Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on March 28, 2023.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Larry Hand, Vice President for Regulatory & Public Affairs for Entergy Louisiana Erin Murphy, Counsel For Entergy Louisiana</p>
<p>Ex. 4</p>	<p>S-36942 - Atmos Energy Corporation, ex parte. In re: Request for approval of the renewal of the Asset Management Plan for Atmos Energy Corporation's Louisiana Division.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on October 27, 2023.</p>
<p>Ex. 5</p>	<p>S-36945 - Boomerang Wireless, LLC, d/b/a enTouch Wireless, ex parte. In re: Petition for partial relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation for wireless basis (low-income only) in certain service areas.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on October 19, 2023.</p>
<p>Ex. 6</p>	<p>S-36961 - Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corporation, ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non-Opposition to borrow funds.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to express its non-opposition to the Request, subject to the conditions laid out in Staff's Report and Recommendation filed on November 3, 2023.</p>
<p>Ex. 7</p>	<p>S-36973 - Central Louisiana Cellular, LLC, ex parte. In re: Petition to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on October 19, 2023.</p>
<p>Ex. 8</p>	<p>U-35985 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Fuel Costs of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Arkla and CenterPoint Energy Entex Associated with the February 2021 Winter Storm Event.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Reports and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Reports and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on November 7, 2023.</p>

<p>Ex. 9</p>	<p>U-35990 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Fuel Costs of Cleco Power LLC Associated with the February 2021 Winter Storm Event.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on October 30, 2023.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: John Shirley, Counsel for Cleco Power Mark Kleehammer, General Counsel & Chief Regulatory Officer for Cleco Power</p>
<p>Ex. 10</p>	<p>U-36966 - Sage Geosystems, Inc., ex parte. In re: Petition for reservation of capacity under Entergy Louisiana, LLC's rate schedule for renewable energy pilot purchases (Schedule REP).</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Draft Order pursuant to Rule 57 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Francis, 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 Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Draft Order filed into the record on November 2, 2023.</p>
<p>Ex. 11</p>	<p>U-34951 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. 2017 Test Year Formula Rate Plan Filing. U-35205 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. 2018 Test Year Formula Rate Plan Filing. U-35581 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. 2019 Test Year Formula Rate Plan Filing. U-36092 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. 2020 Test Year Formula Rate Plan Filing. U-36381 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. 2021 Test Year Formula Rate Plan Filing.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement pursuant to Rule 57 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.</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 Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on October 31, 2023.</p>
<p>Ex. 12</p>	<p>X-37003 - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. Request for Proposal for the purchase of diverse generation and capacity resources, in accordance with the Market Based Mechanism ("MBM") Order.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain outside counsel.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Patrick Miller, LLC for a bid of \$219,000 in fees and \$10,000 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$229,000.</p>

<p>Ex. 13</p>	<p>TBD - 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report based upon the test year ending December 31, 2023.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an outside consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals for a bid of \$130,000 in fees and \$1,500 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$131,500.</p>
<p>Ex. 14</p>	<p>FERC Docket Nos. EL21-56 and EL18-152 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, et al v. System Energy Resources, Inc. and Louisiana Public Service Commission v. System Energy Resources, Inc., and Entergy Services, Inc.</p> <p>In re: Possible Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to enter into executive session.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to exit executive session.</p>
<p>Ex. 15</p>	<p>1) Reports</p> <p>- Report on federal funding opportunities for electric utilities.</p> <p>Commissioner Lewis thanked the electric utilities for providing their information and Executive Secretary Frey gave an update on federal funding opportunities that the electric utilities have pursued or plan to pursue.</p> <p>2) Resolutions</p> <p>3) Discussions</p> <p>- Update on the Project Cypress Direct Air Capture (DAC) Hub located in Southwest Louisiana.</p> <p>Shawn Bennett, Batelle, and Ryan Furby, Gulf Coast Sequestration, were present and took questions from Commissioners and Executive Secretary Frey.</p> <p>Exhibit 11 on October 18, 2023 B&E.</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</p> <p>Discussion and possible vote to ratify a vote taken by Commissioner Greene via proxy, 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 Commissioner Lewis, with Chairman Campbell and Vice Chairman Francis concurring, and Commissioner Greene abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify the vote taken by Commissioner Greene via proxy on October 26, 2023.</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 Campbell and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Vice Chairman Francis abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify the votes taken by Vice Chairman Francis on October 30, 2023.</p> <p>5) Directives</p>

Ex. 16	<p>U-36812 - Utilities, Inc. of Louisiana, ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report for 2022 Test Year.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Lewis.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on October 13, 2023.</p>
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On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Natchitoches, Louisiana at 716 Second Street., Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457.