LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 22, 2026
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2026 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN ERIC SKRMETTA, VICE CHAIRMAN JEAN-PAUL COUSSAN, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER MIKE FRANCIS, COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.

Open Session of October 22, 2026, convening at 10:15 a.m., and adjourning at 1:33 p.m., at the Louisiana Supreme Court Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, with the above-named members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

Ex. 1	Chairman Skrmetta thanked Justice William H. Burris for allowing the Commission to use the Louisiana Supreme Court building for its meeting. Commissioner Lewis thanked everyone who participated in Senator Barrow's Utility Assistance Coordination Taskforce meeting pertaining to Senate Resolution 148. He also congratulated Entergy Louisiana, LLC and 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc. for receiving the Department of Energy's Speed to Power through Accelerated Reconductoring and other Key Advanced Transmission Technology Upgrades (SPARK) grants. Executive Counsel Kathryn Bowman announced that the first public meeting for the Energy Efficiency Working Group will be held Thursday, November 5, 2026, at the Commission's Office, 12th Floor Conference Room in the Galvez Building at 10:30 A.M.
Ex. 2	**T-37136 -** Cantium, LLC vs. Rosefield Fourchon Operating, LLC. In re: Complaint against Rosefield for transportation and terminaling 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. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Final Recommendation on Remand of the Administrative Law Judge**. After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Final Recommendation on Remand of the Administrative Law Judge issued in the form of a Draft Order filed into the record on October 7, 2026, which concludes that the Commission's finding of Rosefield as a common carrier is not altered based upon the applicability of the Louisiana Revised Statutes amended in Act 458 of the 2025 Legislative Session. Present for Questions/Comments: Jamie Watts – Counsel for Rosefield Fourchon Operating, LLC Seth Lawrence - Counsel for Rosefield Fourchon Operating, LLC Matt Simone – Counsel for Cantium, LLC

Ex. 3	**T-38039** - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Next Nest, 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. **In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the carrier**. On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57. On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on September 25, 2026 for fines and fees totaling $525.
Ex. 4	**R-36241** - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte In re: Rulemaking to Revise the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Recommendation of Final Proposed Rules for Part 2-Parties**. After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the Final Proposed Rules filed into the record on October 7, 2026. Present for Questions/Comments: Ahmed Jabar – Take Back the Power and Louisiana Party for Socialism and Liberation Daniel Erspamer – CEO of Pelican Institute for Public Policy
Ex. 5	**R-37871** - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Louisiana Advanced Nuclear Exploration Program. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Final Rule**. After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Francis concurring, and Commissioner Lewis opposing, the Commission voted to adopt the Final Rules filed into the record on August 6, 2026 with amendments. The motion passed 4:1. Chairman Skrmetta's motion was to adopt the Final Rules with amendments as follows: : I move to accept the final proposed rules filed into the record on August 6th with four modifications, intended to avoid per meter charges or rate increases for customers as a result of the rule. The first modification is to replace the entirety of Section 201 and replace it with the following. "Each participating utility is authorized to spend up to $2 million over three years on approved program activities. Any such expenditures are subject to review for prudence and accordance with applicable law. Prudently incurred expenditures on approved program activities are deemed eligible for recovery through base rates so long as those expenditures do not result in a rate increase for customers." The second modification is to delete Section 101(A)(1) and Section 501(B) as they are now unnecessary with the changes made to Section 201. The third modification is to change the term of the program in Section 501 from five years to three years. The fourth modification is to change Section 101(A) from "enable" to "require" as the intent

	of the program and the rule was to require the IOUs to participate and also allow interested cooperatives to participate. Present for Questions/Comments: Kendall Barry – Take Back the Power and Louisiana Party for Socialism and Liberation
Ex. 6	**R-37943 -** Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Possible modifications to General Order dated October 12, 2007 related to franchise fees. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Final Proposed Rule and Recommendation.** After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the Final Rules filed into the record on October 5, 2026, with amendments. Vice Chairman Coussan's motion was to adopt the Final Rules with an amendment to Section 601 to read as follows: Notwithstanding the foregoing: (i) any jurisdictional utility with a rate proceeding pending before or prescribed by the Commission as of the effective date of this Order shall comply with the requirements of this Order upon the effective date of new rates resulting from such proceedings; and, (ii) any jurisdictional utility that is a party to an existing contract for Franchise Payments with a Political Subdivision that is currently billed in compliance with the Commission's 2007 Order shall comply with the requirements of this Order as and when contract amendments can be negotiated with said Political Subdivisions, but in no event later than the renewal of existing contracts for Franchise Payments which may only be executed in compliance with this Order and as the same may be amended from time to time. Present for Questions/Comments: Glenn Edwards – General Counsel for SLEMCO
Ex. 7	**U-37463 -** Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Application for approval to construct the Hallsville natural gas plant and to convert the Welsh Units 1 and 3 to natural gas. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.** After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on September 11, 2026, including the updated Rate Schedule 72 filed into the record on October 9, 2026. Present for Questions/Comments: Bobby Gilliam – Outside Counsel for SWEPCO Wesley Hunt – Director of Regulatory Services for SWEPCO
Ex. 8	**S-37945 -** Washington-St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for Letter of Non-Opposition to secure a loan for WST's construction work plan, including mortgaging assets related thereto. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.** On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on September 11, 2026.

Ex. 9	**U-29203** - Entergy Gulf States, Inc. and Entergy Louisiana, Inc. In re: Joint Application for Interim and Permanent Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; **U-30981** - Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. and Entergy Louisiana, LLC. In re: Joint Application for Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike; **U-32764** - Entergy Louisiana, LLC and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC. In re: Joint Application for Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricane Isaac, Determination of Appropriate Storm Reserve Escrow Amounts and Related Relief; **U-35991** - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricanes Laura, Delta, Zeta and Winter Storm Uri and for Related Relief; and, **U-36350 -** Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricane Ida and for related relief. **In re: Discussion and possible vote to accept and approve the Annual Report of the Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation to the Louisiana Public Service Commission for the fiscal year 2026, including the annual Operating Budget for fiscal year 2027 and the interim and annual Compiled Financial Statements for fiscal year 2026.** After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept and approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Report of the LURC to the Commission, including the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 and interim and compiled annual financial statements of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Present for Questions/Comments: Kieran Spencer – Take Back the Power and Louisiana Party for Socialism and Liberation Jamie Watts – Outside Counsel for the Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation
Ex. 10	**U-35523 -** Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Fuel Adjustment Clause Filings for Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the period of January 2016 through December 2019. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report**. On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report filed into the record on October 9, 2026.
Ex. 11	**U-37603 -** Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Purchase Gas Adjustment filings for the natural gas division of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the period of January 2023 through June 30, 2025. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.** On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on October 5, 2026.

Ex. 12	**U-37812 -** Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for certification of the Babel - Webre 500kV transmission project in accordance with General Order dated September 10, 2024 (R-36199). **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.** After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on September 15, 2026. Present for Questions/Comments: Devorah Levy-Pearlman – Take Back the Power and Louisiana Party for Socialism and Liberation Larry Hand – Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs for Entergy Louisiana, LLC Lane Sisung –Consultant to the LPSC
Ex. 13	**U-37838 -** Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for approval of one-year renewal of Formula Rate Plan. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.** On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to approve the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on September 3, 2026.
Ex. 14	**U-37843 -** Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non-Opposition to the transfer of all of the wastewater system assets owned by St. Tammany Parish Sewerage District No. 2 to Magnolia Water. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Final Recommendation of the ALJ.** **DEFERRED**
Ex. 15	**U-37904 -** Parish Water Company, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for extension and modification of Formula Rate Plan. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.** On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on September 17, 2026.
Ex. 16	**U-37929 -** South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association, ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan annual earnings monitoring report for test year ending on December 31, 2025. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.** After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, with Commissioner Francis and Commission Lewis concurring, and Chairman Skrmetta temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the draft order filed into the record on September 30, 2026. Present for Questions/Comments: Kara Kantrow – Counsel for SLECA

Ex. 17	**U-38093 -** 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Application for approval of a Winter Capacity Purchase Agreement, including cost recovery. **In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain United Professionals Company for an under $50,000 solicitation.** On motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain UPC for $35,000 in fees and $1,000 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of $36,000.
Ex. 18	**X-38068** - Dixie Electric Membership Corporation and Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation. In re: Request for Proposals for long-term Power Purchase Contracts, Generating Capacity, and/or Generating Resources pursuant to the Commission's General Order dated October 14, 2024 (MBM Order). **In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an outside consultant.** On motion of Vice Chairman Coussan, seconded by Commissioner Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals Company for $89,000 in fees and $1,500 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of $90,500.
Ex. 19	**1) Reports** Based on the comments received by Mayor Monceaux, Chairman Skrmetta directed Staff to open an investigation of LAWCO regarding its meter-reading, billing, and collection practices over the last five years. Staff was also directed to retain an engineer to evaluate the system, and to update the Commission at the December 2026 Business and Executive Session and every month thereafter as necessary until the matter is resolved. There was no opposition to the directive. 2) Resolutions **3) Discussions/Public Comments** Chad Monceaux, Mayor of Crowley, requested an investigation related to the ongoing high water bills and alleged improper meter reading from Louisiana Water Company (LAWCO). Present for Questions/Comments Kara Kantrow – Outside Counsel for LAWCO Roger Simmons – CFO for LAWCO **-Update from SLECA on its plans to provide electric service to its Lake Lines members.** Ms. Kantrow provided an update on behalf of SLECA indicating the Cooperative is exploring all regulatory and legal options associated with providing electric service to its Lake Lines members. The Commission directed SLECA to provide public notice of its board meetings to its members, as well as to the Commission to ensure all members. Present for Questions/Comments: Kara Kantrow – Counsel for SLECA Sara Boudreaux – Self/Intervenor in Docket No. U-37394

	4) **ERSC/OMS/SPP** **- Discussion and possible vote to ratify interventions of Louisiana Public Service Commission in RTO-Related or other Federal Energy Regulatory Proceedings.** On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify the actions taken in ER26-3552, ER26-3557, ER26-3558, ER26-3650, ER26-3677, and ER26-3756. **- Discussion and possible vote to ratify votes cast by Commissioner Francis acting as the Commission's representative on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States.** On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Commissioner Campbell and Commission Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Francis abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Commissioner Francis's votes cast on September 10, 11, 18 and October 5, 2026 as the Louisiana Public Service Commission representative to the OMS Board of Directors. 5) Directives
Ex. 20	**R-38096** - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Possible amendments to Commission General Order dated December 20, 2024 and Special Order 46-2005 (Corrected) solely to consider increasing the cap on the current fuel surcharge schedules for nonconsensual towing companies and motor carriers. **In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Proposed Recommendation.** **At the request of Chairman Skrmetta.** After discussion, on motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt Staff's Proposed Recommendation filed into the record on October 16, 2026.
Ex. 21	**U-37394** - South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association, ex parte. In re: Petition for approval of abandonment of electric facilities located in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes pursuant to Commission General Order dated July 9, 2008 (R-30301). **In re: Discussion and possible vote on SLECA's Motion for Rehearing.** **At the request of Chairman Skrmetta.** **In re: Possible Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.** On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session. On motion of Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Coussan, with Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Francis absent, the Commission voted to exit Executive Session. **DEFERRED**

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.