

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS, VICE CHAIRMAN DAVANTE LEWIS, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER ERIC SKRMETTA, COMMISSIONER CRAIG GREENE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.

Open Session of September 17, 2024, convening at 10:29 a.m., and adjourning at 12:27 p.m., at the Galvez Building, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

Ex. 1	<p>Executive Secretary Brandon Frey announced the passing of attorney John Chavanne. The Commissioners expressed their condolences, while Mark Kleehammer, Randy Young and Jennifer Vosburg shared thoughts and memories on working with Mr. Chavanne through the years.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Lewis thanked Annie Matthews for her time serving District III and wished her well.</p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta announced that his Executive Assistant, Adrie De Waal, has taken a new position with the Department of Environmental Quality as the State Director of Special Projects.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Lewis, Commissioner Skrmetta, and Commissioner Greene all thanked the utility companies for their hard work and praised the prompt restoration response times after Hurricane Francine.</p> <p>Secretary Frey gave a brief report on the power outages due to Hurricane Francine.</p> <p>Executive Counsel Kathryn Bowman announced that the Louisiana Chapter of the Energy Bar Association would be hosting a seminar at Tulane Law School on September 25, 2024.</p>
Ex. 2	<p>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.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on 2024 budget increase for District III engineer and to retain an engineer for District III for 2025.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Bonton Associates to assist District III with the political subdivision energy efficiency program in 2025 for a total budget not to exceed \$26,251.74 and to approve the budget increase for 2024 in the amount of \$25,748.</p>

<p>Ex. 3</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain a Statewide Program Administrator, including approval of transition costs.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain APTIM for a total budget not to exceed \$24,499,998.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Michelle Kreuger – APTIM Joel Freehling - APTIM Amy Martin – Frontier Energy Derek Neumann – Frontier Energy Joel McManus - TRC Ian Metzger - TRC Alison Cantrell - TRC</p>
<p>Ex. 4</p>	<p>R-34247 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Rulemaking to consider changes to Commission General Order dated October 29, 2008 (Docket No. R-26172 Subdocket C) (“Market Based Mechanisms Order”) to incorporate formal complaint procedures.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on the Final Proposed Rule.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, with Chairman Francis and Vice Chairman Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Final Proposed Rule filed into the record on August 22, 2024.</p>
<p>Ex. 5</p>	<p>U-29203 - Entergy Gulf States, Inc. and Entergy Louisiana, Inc., ex parte. In re: Joint Application of Entergy Gulf States, Inc. and Entergy Louisiana, Inc. for Interim and Permanent Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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</p> <p>U-36350 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricane Ida and for related relief.</p> <p>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 2024, including the annual Operating Budget for fiscal year 2025 and the interim and annual Compiled Financial Statements for fiscal year 2024.</p>

	<p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept and approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report of the LURC to the Commission, including the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 and interim and compiled annual financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.</p>
Ex. 6	<p>U-36190 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for Certification and Approval of the 2021 Solar Portfolio, Rider Geaux Green Option, Cost Recovery and Related Relief.</p> <p>Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept Staff's Report and Recommendation filed into the record on August 30, 2024.</p>
Ex. 7	<p>U-36502 - Cleco Power LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Cleco Power to enter into a proposed Power Purchase Agreement between Dolet Hills Solar, LLC and Cleco Power and authorization to recover associated charges in rates.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis concurring, and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on August 23, 2024.</p>
Ex. 8	<p>U-37154 - Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report filing for Test Year 2023.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>Exhibit 23 on the August 14, 2024 Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene temporarily absent, the Commission voted to recognize the late-filed Staff Report, accept the Joint Report, and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on July 25, 2024.</p>
Ex. 9	<p>TBD - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Request for Proposals for Long-Term Developmental Combined-Cycle Combustion Turbine Resources.</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 Company for \$132,500 in fees and \$1,500 in expenses for a total budget not to exceed \$134,000.</p>
Ex. 10	<p>TBD - Dixie Electric Membership Corporation, ex parte. In re: Request for approval of a Formula Rate Plan, modifications to the Cooperative's Terms and Conditions, and interim rate relief.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain Resolved Energy Consulting, LLC.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Resolved Energy Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$80,000 in fees and \$4,000 in expenses for a total not to exceed budget of \$84,000.</p>

<p>Ex. 11</p>	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions 4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</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>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Commissioner Campbell concurring, Chairman Francis abstaining, and Commissioner Greene absent, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Francis' votes cast on August 5, 2024 as the Louisiana Public Service Commission representative to the SPP RSC.</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>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Commissioner Campbell concurring, Vice Chairman Lewis opposing, and Commissioner Greene absent, the Commission voted to ratify the LPSC's response in support of a stay of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions while on appeal in Supreme Court Docket Nos. 24A95, et al. The motion passed with a vote of 3:1.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene absent, the Commission voted to ratify the Petition for Review of orders in FERC Docket No. ER24-1583.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Dana Shelton – Stone Pigman, Staff Outside Counsel</p> <p>5) Directives</p>
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On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Greene absent, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 35619 Hwy 11, Buras, LA 70041.