

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02

IN RE: NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

(Decided at the LPSC Business & Executive Session October 1, 2014)

The Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" or "Louisiana Commission"), for the reasons cited below, adopts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS:

1. The Public Service Commission holds the health and safety of Louisiana residents as a chief concern;

AND WHEREAS:

2. 98% of American commuters know sending a text or email while driving is not safe according to a survey conducted by ResearchNow in March 2013;

AND WHEREAS:

3. According to the same survey, 49% of commuters text while behind the wheel;

AND WHEREAS:

4. 43% of commuters who text while driving reported the activity as being a habit according to the ResearchNow survey;

AND WHEREAS:

5. A driver that sends a text message while driving not only jeopardizes his or her safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers;

AND WHEREAS:

6. The Public Service Commission passed a resolution in 2013 on No Text and Driving;

AND WHEREAS:

7. Through Facebook, text-to-pledge, tweet-to-pledge and events, millions of people have committed to never text and drive.

AND WHEREAS:

8. The symbol HASHTAG X (#X) has been established as a method whereby friends are notified that a person is about to drive and cannot text.

AND WHEREAS:

9. Apps are now available that can be used to deactivate text messaging prior to driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to continue to support “No Texting While Driving” and support the efforts in furtherance of these goals.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

October 1, 2014

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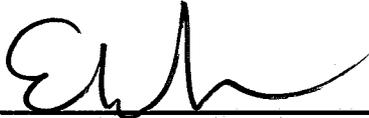
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