

UTILITY ASSISTANCE COORDINATION TASK FORCE

Created by Senate Resolution No. 148 of the 2026 Regular Session

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

10:00 a.m. Central

Senate Committee Room E

Louisiana State Capitol

900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The complete membership roster is included on page 2.

III. REMARKS BY SENATOR REGINA BARROW

IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE TASK FORCE

A. Review of the task force's purpose, responsibilities, and reporting requirements under Senate Resolution No. 148.

B. Election of a chairman and vice chairman.

C. Consideration and election of any additional officers.

Public comment will be taken before action on officer elections.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Louisiana's energy assistance programs

Lauren Holmes, Louisiana Housing Corporation. Overview of funding, eligibility, the application process, and coordination with local providers.

B. LIHEAP and state-funded utility assistance programs

Katrina Metzler, Executive Director, National Energy & Utility Affordability Coalition, participating in person. Discussion of assistance programs in other states and considerations for Louisiana.

C. Coordination of Customer Energy Bill Assistance Programs

Deborah Reynolds, NARUC, and Cassandra Lovejoy, NEADA, participating virtually. Presentation of the NCEP Mini Guide and discussion of approaches to coordinating utility assistance programs.

Member questions will follow each presentation.

VI. TASK FORCE WORK PLAN

A. Discussion and consideration of an initial program inventory and requests for information from members and program administrators.

B. Identification of issues for further study, including intake, referrals, eligibility verification, customer communications, payments, outreach, and gaps in assistance.

C. Discussion and consideration of member assignments, information-submission deadlines, and a schedule for preparing the report due March 1, 2027.

D. Discussion and consideration of future meeting dates and topics.

Public comment will be taken before action on these items.

VII. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

For meeting information or an accommodation to participate, contact Charlotte Cravins, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Davante Lewis, District 3, Louisiana Public Service Commission, at 225-342-6687 or charlotte.cravins@la.gov.

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER | SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

1. **Senate Commerce Committee:** Senator Robert Allain

2. **Louisiana Public Service Commission:** Commissioner Davante Lewis

- 3. Department of Conservation and Energy:** Amanda McClinton
- 4. Entergy Corporation:** Nyka Scott
- 5. Cleco Power LLC:** Jaci Meche
- 6. Southwestern Electric Power Company:** Amanda Nottingham
- 7. Atmos Energy Corporation:** Linda Waters
- 8. Delta North Louisiana Gas Company, LLC and Delta South Louisiana Gas Company, LLC (joint appointment):** Michael Jackson
- 9. Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives:** Aarron Graham
- 10. Louisiana Energy and Power Authority:** Randall Reed
- 11. Louisiana Housing Corporation:** Lauren Hartley Holmes
- 12. Association of Community Action Partnership:** Appointment not yet confirmed
- 13. Louisiana Council on Aging Directors Association:** Becky Bergeron
- 14. Louisiana Association of United Ways:** Sarah Berthelot