

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FROM JUNE 29, 2023**  
**SPECIAL SESSION**

*MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2023 SPECIAL OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE VICE CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS, COMMISSIONER ERIC SKRMETTA, COMMISSIONER CRAIG GREENE, COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY. CHAIRMAN FOSTER CAMPBELL WAS ABSENT.*

**Open Session of June 29, 2023, convening at 9:29 a.m., and adjourning at 10:10 a.m., Natchez Room, 602 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.**

	<p>Executive Counsel Kathryn Bowman announced that Transportation Staff Attorney Tanika Starks gave birth to a healthy baby girl on June 16<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Commissioner Lewis raised a potential issue recently brought to his attention regarding third-party billing arrangements with apartment complexes and encouraged ratepayers to carefully review any agreements they are asked to enter into regarding third-party billing arrangements.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 1</b></p>	<p><b>U-36385</b> - Southwestern Electric Power Company, ex parte. In re: Application for certification of certain renewable resources and approval of natural gas Capacity Purchase Agreements.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</b></p> <p><b>Ex. 6 on April 26, 2023 B&amp;E agenda.</b></p> <p><b>Ex. 7 on May 17, 2023 B&amp;E agenda.</b></p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Greene, with Vice Chairman Francis and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Chairman Campbell absent.</p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta’s motion was as follows: Pursuant to the May 17, 2023 Commission Directive, SWEPCO evaluated PPAs and reported to the Commission Staff.</p> <p>Based upon the need for capacity and the projection of net benefits provided from the Selected Facilities over their life, and comparison to PPA options, I move that the Commission approve and certify the Selected Facilities and the Flex Up and the other terms and provision in accordance with the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement dated March 10, 2023. Subject to the following modifications:</p> <p>There is Cost Cap on the Mooringsport Solar Facility at the amount recommended by LPSC Staff in the June 28, 2023 filing in this proceeding. If the costs go over that cap and there are savings at the other two Selected Wind Facilities, those savings can be used to apply to that overage. But in no event shall the Cost Cap be greater than the overall Cost Cap for the three facilities as agreed to in the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement Agreement. However, in the event the total costs exceed the overall Cost Cap for all the Selected Facilities, the Company has the right to petition the Commission for relief and the ability to include such excess in rates.</p> <p>I further move that SWEPCO will evaluate certain PPA bids, as disclosed to Staff, to</p>

	<p>potentially address future capacity needs and will report to Commission on progress.</p> <p>I further move that by June 1, 2024, SWEPCO will propose a capacity allocation mechanism to the Commission for review and approval that equitably allocates capacity between its three jurisdictions.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments:  Bobby Gilliam, Outside Counsel for SWEPCO  Brett Mattison, President of SWEPCO  Tom Brice, CFO of SWEPCO</p>
<b>Ex. 2</b>	<p><b>Undocketed - Possible Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16, et seq. regarding possible Petition for Review of EPA Federal Implementation Plan.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Greene, with Vice Chairman Francis and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Chairman Campbell absent, the Commission voted to enter into executive session.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Vice Chairman Francis and Commissioner Skrmetta concurring, and Chairman Campbell absent, the Commission voted to exit executive session.</p>

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.