

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2024**  
**OPEN SESSION**

**MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 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 March 27, 2024, convening at 9:23 a.m., and adjourning at 12:16 p.m., the Galvez Building, 602 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.**

<p><b>Ex. 1</b></p>	<p>The Commission welcomed Paul Zimmering’s wife, Martha Zimmering, and expressed their deepest sympathies on his passing and gratitude to the years of service Paul dedicated to the Commission.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell expressed his condolences on the passing of former Senator Tom Greene.</p> <p>Commissioner Greene expressed his gratitude for the thoughts and prayers received for his father and his family over the past several months.</p> <p>Chairman Francis reminded everyone the April Business &amp; Executive Session will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Cypress Bend Resort in Many, LA at 10:00 AM.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 2</b></p>	<p><b>T-36975</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Fast Affordable College Student Movers, Inc. In re: Alleged violation of 1) General Order dated July 12, 2013 for failure to provide a written estimate prior to conducting moving services; 2) General Order dated July 01, 2021 as amended by exceeding rates as outlined in the company’s tariff dated July 22, 2022, while operating under Common Carrier Certificate No. 7823 allegedly having occurred on or about June 28, 2023 through June 29, 2023 and 3) advertising under a name other than the carrier’s legal and/or registered name pursuant to General Order dated April 3, 2008 as amended.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the Carrier.</b></p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take the matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on March 6, 2024 for fines and fees totaling \$4,025.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 3</b></p>	<p><b>T-37084</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission vs. Pack Dat &amp; Geaux Movers, 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.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote pursuant to Rule 57 on Affidavit and Stipulation executed by the Carrier.</b></p>

	<p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take the matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Affidavit and Stipulation executed on February 23, 2024 for fines and fees totaling \$525.00</p>
<b>Ex. 4</b>	<p><b>S-37089</b> - IM Telecom, LLC d/b/a Infiniti Mobile, ex parte. In re: Petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within Louisiana for the limited purpose of offering wireless lifeline services.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</b></p> <p><b>DEFERRED</b></p>
<b>Ex. 5</b>	<p><b>U-36552</b> - Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Application for approval of Formula Rate Plan and modifications to base rates.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Unopposed Motion to amend LPSC Order No. U-36552.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to grant the Unopposed Motion and amend Order No. U-36552 by extending the deadlines relative to Claiborne's first FRP annual filing.</p>
<b>Ex. 6</b>	<p><b>U-36658</b> - Atmos Energy Corporation, ex parte. In re: Application for renewal of Rate Stabilization Clause Rider. (Motion Granted to Consolidate U-35937 and U-36658 - Keeping Docket U-36658).</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and Possible vote pursuant to Rule 57.</b></p> <p><b>DEFERRED</b></p>
<b>Ex. 7</b>	<p><b>U-36661</b> - Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for exemption under the Commission's General Order dated October 10, 2013 (The Transmission Siting Order).</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</b></p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff's Report and Recommendation filed into the record on March 8, 2024.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments:  Kara Kantrow – Counsel for Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative  Mike Heinen – CEO and General Manager of Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative  Michael Pugh – President, Royal Engineering</p>

<p><b>Ex. 8</b></p>	<p><b>U-36809</b> - Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report for 2022 Test Year.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Unopposed Motion to amend LPSC Order No. U-36809.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to grant the Unopposed and amend Order No. U-36809 to allow Concordia an additional four months to file its full base rate review.</p>
<p><b>Ex. 9</b></p>	<p><b>TBD</b> - Entergy Services, LLC, ex parte. In re: Potential Request for Proposals for existing energy and capacity resources.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Lewis, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted retain J. Kennedy &amp; Associates for a bid of \$90,000 in fees and \$1,500 in expenses for a total budget not to exceed \$91,500.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments:  Larry Hand – Vice President for Regulatory &amp; Public Affairs for Entergy Louisiana  Phillip May – CEO of Entergy Louisiana</p>
<p><b>Ex. 10</b></p>	<p>1) Reports  2) Resolutions</p> <p><b>- Resolution honoring Paul "Zeke" Zimmering.</b></p> <p>Executive Secretary Brandon Frey read Resolution No. 02-2024 into the record expressing condolences upon the passing of Paul Lewis “Zeke” Zimmering and to further express gratitude for his services to the LPSC to express gratitude for his services to the LPSC, and dedicating the Commission’s Law Library to Paul to honor his legacy of legal teaching at the Commission.</p> <p>3)Discussions  Commissioner Skrmetta asked for an update on SB 108. Executive Secretary Frey gave an overview of SB 108.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments:  Kyle Marionneaux – Counsel, Pattern Energy Group  John Grinton – Counsel, Pattern Energy Group  Adam Renz – Pattern Energy Group  Bobby Gilliam – Counsel, SWEPCO</p> <p><b>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</b></p> <p><b>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify votes taken by Chairman Francis acting as the Commission's representative on the Regional State Committee of the Southwest Power Pool.</b></p> <p><b>Exhibit 11 at February 21, 2024 B&amp;E Session.</b></p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Greene concurring, and Chairman Francis abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Francis’ votes taken on February 5, 2024.</p> <p><b>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify interventions of Louisiana Public Service Commission in RTO-Related or other Federal Energy Regulatory Proceedings.</b></p>

	<p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Vice Chairman Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify the interventions in Docket Nos. ER24-1158, ER24-1332, ER24-1381, D.C. Cir. Nos. 24-1032 &amp; 24-1033.</p> <p>5) Directives</p>
<b>Ex. 11</b>	<p><b>R-35462</b> - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Rulemaking to Research and Evaluate Customer-Centered Options for all Electric Customer Classes as well as Other Regulatory Environments.</p> <p><b>In Re: Update from Staff on Phase I and Phase II reports.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Chairman Francis and Commissioner Greene.</b></p> <p>Deputy General Counsel Lauren Evans gave an update on the status of the Phase I and Phase II reports.</p>
<b>Ex. 12</b>	<p><b>U-36625</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval of the Entergy Future Ready Resilience Plan (Phase I).</p> <p><b>In re: Update from Entergy Louisiana.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Chairman Francis.</b></p> <p>Larry Hand and Phillip May from Entergy Louisiana gave an update on its application and the company's most recent proposed modifications to the plan.</p>
<b>Ex. 13</b>	<p><b>U-36964</b> - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In Re: Application for modification, and combination, of energy efficiency rate riders.</p> <p><b>In re: Discussion and possible vote on the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement pursuant to Rule 57.</b></p> <p><b>At the request of Chairman Francis.</b></p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Lewis, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to assert its original and primary jurisdiction and take the matter up pursuant to Rule 57.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Lewis, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on March 19, 2023.</p>
<b>Ex. 14</b>	<p><b>Undocketed</b> - Discussion with Southwest Water Company regarding water issues in and around the Village of French Settlement.</p> <p><b>At the request of Commissioner Skrmetta.</b></p> <p>Melissa Rich, Vice President of Operations for Southwest Water Company, and Kara Kantrow, Counsel for Southwest Water Company, were present for questions during a discussion regarding consumer complaints and water issues in and around the Village of French Settlement.</p>

<b>Ex. 15</b>	<b>Undocketed</b> - Resolution for authorization of the LPSC to provide letters of support for the approval of the applications for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding from the Department of Energy' for funding known as the Grid Resilience and Innovation Program, or "GRIP", submitted by electric cooperative members of the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives.  <b>At the request of Chairman Francis and Vice Chairman Lewis.</b>
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On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, with Chairman Francis and Vice Chairman Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Greene absent, the Commission voted to adjourn.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Cypress Bend Resort, 2000 Cypress Bend Pkwy, Many, LA 71449.