

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2025
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2025 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS, VICE CHAIRMAN ERIC SKRMETTA, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS, COMMISSIONER JEAN-PAUL COUSSAN, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRANDON FREY.

Open Session of November 19, 2025, convening at 9:14 a.m., and adjourning at 10:10 a.m., at the Galvez Building, 602 N. 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

Ex. 1	<p>The Commission expressed condolences to the family of former LPSC Commissioner Louis Lambert. The Commission also offered thoughts and prayers on the recent passing of Jim Bernhard.</p> <p>Executive Counsel Kathryn Bowman reminded everyone that the December Business & Executive Meeting would be held in Natchitoches at the Natchitoches Event Center beginning at 10:00 am. She also announced that the Public Utilities C.L.E. would be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at the Baton Rouge City Club in Baton Rouge.</p>
Ex. 2	<p>U-35989 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Fuel Costs of Southwestern Electric Power Company Associated with the February 2021 Winter Storm Event.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Coussan temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on November 5, 2025.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Bobby Gilliam – Counsel, SWEPCO</p>
Ex. 3	<p>U-36986 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Audit of Entergy Louisiana, LLC's Quick Start Energy Efficiency Rate Rider, pursuant to the Commission's Energy Efficiency Rules, for program years 7 and 8, ending December 31, 2021 and 2022, respectively.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Joint Report and Draft Order.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Chairman Francis and Commissioner Campbell concurring, and Commissioner Coussan temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on October 20, 2025.</p>

<p>Ex. 4</p>	<p>U-37468 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricane Francine and for other related relief.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on September 29, 2025.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Larry Hand - Vice President for Regulatory & Public Affairs, Entergy Louisiana Bill Barta –Consultant for Staff</p>
<p>Ex. 5</p>	<p>U-37479 - Cleco Power LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for Authorization of Phase I of the Comprehensive Hardening Plan; (II) Related Rate Recovery; and (III) Expedited Treatment.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Coussan, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on November 3, 2025.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Mark Kleehammer - General Counsel & Chief Regulatory Office, Cleco Power LLC</p>
<p>Ex. 6</p>	<p>TBD - Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative, ex parte. In re: Request for a transmission determination, approval of transfer or operational control of transmission assets to MISO.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain United Professionals Company for an under \$50,000 solicitation.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain United Professionals Company for \$49,000 in fees and \$1,000 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$50,000.</p>
<p>Ex. 7</p>	<p>TBD - Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative, ex parte. In re: Request for a transmission determination, approval of transfer or operational control of transmission assets to MISO.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain Stone Pigman for an under \$50,000 solicitation.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Stone Pigman for \$48,000 in fees and \$1,200 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$49,200.</p>
<p>Ex. 8</p>	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions - Resolution honoring late former LPSC Commissioner Louis Lambert.</p> <p>Executive Secretary Brandon Frey read Resolution No. 01-2025 into the record expressing condolences upon the passing of former LPSC Commissioner Louis Lambert and to further express gratitude for his service to the LPSC.</p> <p>3) Discussions/Public Comment 4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</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.

On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Chairman Francis abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Francis' votes cast on November 3, 2025 as the Louisiana Public Service Commission representative to the SPP RSC.

- Discussion and possible vote to ratify interventions of the Louisiana Public Service Commission RTO-Related or other Federal Energy Regulatory Proceedings.

On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify the interventions taken on the Commission's behalf in FERC Dockets ER25-3515, ER25-3516, ER25-3543, ER25-3560, ER25-3570 and ER26-139.

5) Directives

Directive to Louisiana jurisdictional investor-owned electric utilities regarding nuclear power.

At the request of Vice Chairman Skrmetta.

The directive read as follows: Pursuant to the Commission's constitutional authority to ensure reliable, long-term energy resources and in support of state and federal energy policy, all investor-owned electric utilities, subject to this Commission's jurisdiction, are hereby directed to evaluate prudent locations within the state for future nuclear power plants. The IOUs are to report back to the Commission within 90 days with a preliminary plan to either initiate an early site permit or combined construction and operating license application with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission under 10 C.F.R. Part 52 for potential new nuclear generation sites. This directive is not intended to trigger Commission General Order dated May 18, 2007 regarding ratemaking and generation planning for nuclear power plants; actual applications for site approval will be determined after presentations by the IOUs regarding suggested future sites.

With Chairman Francis, Vice Chairman Skrmetta, Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Commissioner Campbell opposing, the directive passed 4:1.

Directive to Louisiana jurisdictional water systems on water balance and unaccounted for water.

At the request of Vice Chairman Skrmetta.

The directive read as follows: To enhance system efficiency, reduce non-revenue water loss, and inform future infrastructure planning, the Louisiana Public Service Commission hereby establishes a standardized quarterly reporting requirement for all regulated drinking water systems under its jurisdiction. This directive enables the identification and quantification of water leakage, operational losses, and unaccounted-for water, supporting data-driven decisions on pipeline rehabilitation, replacement, and resource conservation.

Effective January 1, 2026, and continuing each quarter thereafter, every jurisdictional public drinking water system shall submit a Quarterly Water Balance Report containing the following data for the preceding calendar quarter:

1. Total Volume of Fresh Water Introduced into the System (source water intake, in gallons);

	<p>2. Total Volume of Fresh Water Delivered to Customers (billed metered consumption, in gallons); and</p> <p>3. Differential Volume of Unaccounted-For Water (calculated as intake minus delivered volume, expressed in gallons and as a percentage of total intake).</p> <p>Reports shall be filed electronically in the format prescribed by the Commission's Utility Division no later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter (i.e., April 30, July 30, October 30, and January 30).</p> <p>The Utilities Division shall develop and distribute standardized reporting templates, instructions, and submission protocols by January 15, 2026. In addition, the Utilities Division shall conduct reviews and provide technical assistance to utilities as needed to ensure accurate and consistent reporting.</p> <p>Jurisdictional water systems shall maintain supporting records (e.g., production logs, meter readings, leak detection reports) for a minimum of three (3) years and make them available to the Commission upon request.</p> <p>No additional contracts for hire are anticipated to implement this directive. However, if operational demands exceed current staffing capacity, the Executive Secretary is authorized to prepare and present to the Commission a formal request for supplemental personnel or resources, accompanied by a detailed justification and cost analysis.</p> <p>There was no opposition to the directive.</p>
Ex. 9	<p>R-36227 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Assessment of Louisiana's current electric utility infrastructure for resilience and hardening for future storm events.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on a scope expansion for David Williams.</p> <p>At the request of Vice Chairman Skrmetta.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p>

On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Natchitoches, Louisiana at 750 2nd St, Natchitoches, LA 71457.