

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 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 September 17, 2025, convening at 9:27 a.m., and adjourning at 11:31 p.m., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-name members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Brandon Frey present.

Ex. 1	<p>Chairman Francis introduced Pastor Dwayne Rogers of Indian Mound Baptist Church and asked him to lead the Commission in prayer. He also welcomed Acadia Parish Police Juror Jeffery “Red Dog” Morgan, and local resident and businessman, Donnie Smith, to the meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Lewis thanked Frances Arthur for her time and dedication at the Commission as a fellow from the United States Department of Energy in his office. He wished her luck in the future and thanked the Department of Energy for allowing him to host a fellow of their program.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Skrmetta reminded everyone that the October Business & Executive Session will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the Supreme Court in New Orleans at 10:00 A.M. He also thanked Justice Crain for his help in organizing the meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Coussan asked Staff to put Docket No. R-31106, the Commission’s Energy Efficiency Rules, on the October Business and Executive Session to discuss whether industrials customers should participate in the Commission’s Energy Efficiency Program.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell welcomed Representative Larry Bagley to the meeting and announced he will be running for the District 5 seat in 2026.</p> <p>Executive Secretary Brandon Frey announced the passing of Larry Henning, who was the president of the Louisiana Telecommunication Association for over 40 years. He asked to keep his family in your prayers.</p> <p>Executive Counsel Kathryn Bowman announced the birth of Jack Garrison Evans, the second child of Deputy General Counsel Lauren Evans.</p>
Ex. 2	<p>S-37500 - Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for Letter of Non-Opposition to establish a non-revolving line of credit for interim financing associated with JDEC's transmission loop.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on Staff Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Vice Chairman Skrmetta, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on August 7, 2025.</p>

<p>Ex. 3</p>	<p>U-29203 - Entergy Gulf States, Inc. and Entergy Louisiana, Inc., In re: Joint Application of Entergy Gulf States, Inc. and Entergy Louisiana, Inc. for Interim and Permanent Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita;</p> <p>U-30981 - Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. and Entergy Louisiana, LLC. In re: Joint Application for Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike;</p> <p>U-32764 - Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC and Entergy Louisiana, LLC. In re: Joint Application for Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricane Isaac, Determination of Appropriate Storm Reserve Escrow Amounts, and Related Relief;</p> <p>U-35991 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC. In re: Application for Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricanes Laura, Delta, Zeta and Winter Storm Uri and for Related Relief; and</p> <p>U-36350 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC. In re: Application for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricane Ida and for related relief.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to accept and approve the Annual Report of the Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation to the LPSC for the fiscal year 2025, including the annual Operating Budget for fiscal year 2026 and the interim and annual Compiled Financial Statements for fiscal year 2025.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual report of the LURC to the Commission, including the Annual Operating budget for Fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and interim and compiled annual financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Jamie Watts – Counsel for Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation Noel Darce – LPSC Staff Counsel Larry Hand - Vice President of Regulatory and Public Affairs, Entergy Louisiana, LLC</p>
<p>Ex. 4</p>	<p>U-36190 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for Certification and Approval of the 2021 Solar Portfolio, Rider Geaux Green Option, Cost Recovery and Related Relief.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Report and Recommendation.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept Staff's Report and Recommendation filed into the record on September 5, 2024.</p>

<p>Ex. 5</p>	<p>U-36992 - Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Application for an increase in rates, including interim rates, and for the establishment of an emergency reserve fund.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on NELPCO's Motion to Amend Order U-36992-A and Request for Consideration at the September 2025 LPSC Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to amend LPSC Order U-36922-A, specifically Provision 10 to read as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">10. NELPCO has reviewed Staff's recommendations and agrees with them. As there is a difference between the interim rate increase put into effect in January 2024 and the base rate increase recommended by Staff set to be voted on at the April 16, 2025 Business and Executive Session, NELPCO agrees, to refund to its members/ratepayers the difference. NELPCO shall refund the entire refund amount over a consecutive, six (6) month period, beginning at earliest November 1, 2025 and completing no later than September 2026. The refund shall be made via credits to customers' bills with each monthly credit amount to be selected by NELPCO. NELPCO shall provide Staff with correspondence and accounting of the refunds upon completion of the refunds.</p>
<p>Ex. 6</p>	<p>U-37392 - Dixie Electric Membership Corporation, ex parte. In re: Application for an increase in rates, approval of Formula Rate Plan, modifications to terms and conditions, and for interim rate 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 Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on August 4, 2025.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Jeff Andry - Chief Strategy & Regulatory Officer, DEMCO Kara Kantrow- Counsel, DEMCO</p>
<p>Ex. 7</p>	<p>U-37442 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for approval of quantification and treatment of costs incurred associated with Commission Special Order Nos. 22-2020, 28-2020, 43-2020, and 44-2020.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on June 25, 2025.</p>

<p>Ex. 8</p>	<p>U-37573 - Washington - St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report for Test Year 2024.</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 filed into the record on September 3, 2025 and issue the Draft Order.</p>
<p>Ex. 9</p>	<p>Undocketed - Securitization Consultant for any jurisdictional electric utility's request for recovery of storm costs via a securitization financing transaction for the 2025 Hurricane Season.</p> <p>In Re: Discussion and possible vote to retain a securitization consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to retain Drexel Hamilton for \$150,000 in fees and \$0 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$150,000.</p>
<p>Ex. 10</p>	<p>Undocketed -Consultant for any jurisdictional electric utility's request for recovery of storm costs via a securitization financing transaction for the 2025 Hurricane Season.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain an accounting consultant.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commission Campbell concurring, and Vice Chairman Skrmetta and Commissioner Coussan temporarily absent, the Commission voted to retain Henderson Ridge Consulting for \$136,400 in fees and \$3,200 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of \$139,600.</p>
<p>Ex. 11</p>	<p>1) Reports 2) Resolutions 3) Discussions/Public Comment</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Coussan, Secretary Frey provided a report on the first meeting of the Task Force on Energy Infrastructure and Modernization. Chairman Francis asked Secretary Frey to invite the members of the Task Force to a future Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>- Presentation by Eolian Energy on battery storage.</p> <p>Lori Cobos, former Pubic Utility Commissioner in Texas, and Kyle Martinez, Vice President of Marketing for Eolian Energy, gave a presentation on Eolian Energy battery storage and answered questions from Commissioners.</p> <p>- Presentation by Louisiana State University and University of Louisiana at Lafayette on cybersecurity.</p> <p>DEFERRED</p> <p>4) ERSC/OMS/SPP</p> <p>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify votes taken by Vice Chairman Skrmetta acting as the Commission's representative on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commission Coussan concurring, and Vice Chairman Skrmetta abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Vice Chairman Skrmetta’s votes taken on August 14 and 22, 2025.</p>

	<p>- Discussion and possible vote to ratify interventions of Louisiana Public Service Commission in RTO-Related or other Federal Energy Regulatory Proceedings.</p> <p>On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify the actions taken in FERC Docket Nos. ER25-3074 and ER25-3077.</p> <p>5) Directives</p>
Ex. 12	<p>Undocketed - Directive to Staff to investigate an alleged rate increase by Rosefield and to authorize appropriate action.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Francis.</p> <p>After discussion, there was no opposition to the directive. Vice Chairman Skrmetta further directed Staff to place two matters on the October Business and Executive Session. First, to discuss and possibly vote on requiring Rosefield to place a portion of the rates received from Cantium in an escrow account, and second, was to hold a contempt hearing at the end of the October Business and Executive Session to determine whether Rosefield is in contempt of Commission Orders.</p> <p>Present for Questions/Comments: Matthew Simone – Counsel for Cantium, LLC</p>

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.