

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION**

**DOCKET NUMBER U-37425**

**ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC,  
EX PARTE**

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***In re: Application for approval of generation and transmission resources in connection with  
service to a single customer for a project in North Louisiana.***

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**REPORT OF STATUS CONFERENCE**

A status conference was convened in this proceeding on December 3, 2024, before Louisiana Public Service Commission ("Commission") Chief Administrative Law Judge Melanie Verzwylt. Participating in the conference were:

Larry Hand, Michael Dodson, Ryan Jones, and Ryan Johnson, all telephonically, and Skylar Rosenbloom, on behalf of Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL");

Randy Young and Nathan Bromley, on behalf of Louisiana Energy Users Group ("LEUG");

Whit Cox, telephonically, on behalf of Southern Renewable Energy Association;

Jessica Hendricks, Logan Burke, and Susan Miller, all telephonically, on behalf of The Alliance for Affordable Energy;

Paul Arbaje and Susan Miller, both telephonically, on behalf of The Union of Concerned Scientists;

John Grinton on behalf of 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc.;

J. Arthur Smith IV, telephonically, on behalf of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc. and Occidental Chemical Corporation ("OxyChem");

Joshua Smith and Tony Mendoza, both telephonically, on behalf of Sierra Club;

Carrie Grundmann, telephonically, on behalf of Walmart Inc. ("Walmart");

Christopher Piasecki, telephonically, on behalf of Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation;

Nathan Huntwork, telephonically, on behalf of Cleco Power LLC; and

Lane Sisung, Jake Chapman, both telephonically, Lauren Evans, Dana Shelton, and Braeden Smith, on behalf of the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("Commission") Staff.

No appearances were made on behalf of Housing Louisiana or Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Corporation.

At the outset, the parties were asked whether there was any opposition to the late interventions of Housing Louisiana, Walmart, or OxyChem. No opposition was expressed, and those interventions were granted, giving Housing Louisiana, Walmart, and OxyChem full intervenor status.

Mr. Rosenbloom provided an overview of the project, including the significant investment required from ELL. He also advised that ELL had circulated a proposed procedural schedule that allows for a decision at the October 2025 Business and Executive Session, in accordance with the Commission's directive. Ms. Shelton and Ms. Grundmann advised that their primary concern is a full and fair hearing that ensures the protection of existing customers.

Ms. Miller raised a concern about ELL's intent to supplement its application with information related to one of the generation sources. She noted that ELL's proposed procedural schedule does not contemplate a deadline for the additional filing or additional time to address it in direct testimony. Mr. Rosenbloom advised that the only anticipated new information is the specific site for the generation, as the schedule and cost have already been provided. ELL does not anticipate that the parties will need additional time. Nevertheless, the parties retain their rights to request a review of the procedural schedule as necessary.

With the exception of LEUG, the parties agreed to waive a proposed recommendation as provided for in Rule 56(a)(1-5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. After a brief discussion among the parties, they agreed to the below procedural schedule subject to confirmation that LEUG agrees to waive the proposed recommendation.

The parties also agreed to use an outside court reporting service ("OCRS") in order to expedite the transcript. Ms. Evans acknowledged that she had reviewed the rules regarding OCRS, which are included below. Mr. Rosenbloom confirmed that ELL will comply with these rules.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the following procedural schedule is hereby established:

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| April 11, 2025 | Deadline for Commission Staff and Intervenors to file Direct and Answering Testimony.  |
| May 9, 2025    | Deadline to file Cross-Answering Testimony; and<br>Deadline for discovery on Direct and Cross-Answering Testimony.   |
| May 30, 2025   | Deadline for ELL to file Rebuttal Testimony.   |
| June 30, 2025  | Deadline for completion of discovery. <sup>1</sup>   |
| July 3, 2025   | Deadline to file Joint Pre-Hearing Statement, including a statement regarding whether or not all ten reserved hearing days remain necessary, or if shortened, on which days the hearing should be held, and:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A list of all witnesses and agreed-upon order of presentation;</li><li>2. A list of uncontested issues agreed upon by the parties; and</li><li>3. A list of contested issues.</li></ol> |

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<sup>1</sup> The parties agreed to a 15-day turnaround for discovery, with the following modifications: ELL will endeavor to respond to discovery within ten days, and will provide responses on a rolling basis. Staff and Intervenors will have ten days to respond to discovery on Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony and Cross-Answering Testimony. ELL will have seven days to respond to discovery on its Rebuttal Testimony.

Deadline to file Pre-Hearing Briefs. The parties' briefs shall address, in the order presented in the Joint Pre-Hearing Statement, the remaining issues in dispute.

July 14-25, 2025

**Hearing.** A hearing will be convened at **10:00 A.M.** on **Monday, July 14, 2025, and will continue as needed until Friday, July 25, 2025**, in the Galvez Building 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Natchez Room, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

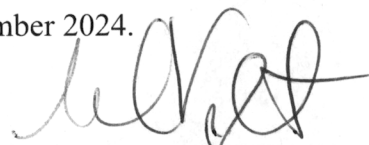
All parties intending to present evidence at the hearing shall bring a copy of each exhibit for the court reporter, as well as additional copies for the judge, the research attorney, and all other parties to the proceeding. *Hearing exhibits presented to the court reporter for admission into the hearing record shall be single-sided.*

Any party seeking a continuance of the hearing date must file a motion for the continuance by **July 3, 2025**. The motion must also contain a statement (1) affirming that the moving party has contacted all other parties to the case concerning the proposed continuance and (2) advising of the position of each of the other parties to the proposed continuance. Motions for continuance filed after this date will be considered only upon a showing of good cause for the delay.

Should the parties wish to proceed by stipulation, compliance with Rule 6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure is required. Accordingly, an uncontested stipulation hearing will not be scheduled or convened until the parties have complied with Rule 6 by filing a Joint Motion for the Scheduling of a Stipulation Hearing, an Uncontested Stipulated Settlement executed by all parties, and supporting documentation. A scheduled contradictory hearing will not be converted to a Stipulation Hearing until the parties comply with Rule 6.

If you require special accommodation at the hearing, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division at (225) 219-9417 at least five days before the hearing. Public parking is available in the Galvez Garage on North Street across from the Galvez Building. Visitors should take a picture of their license plate as they must provide detailed vehicle information within 30 minutes of entry into the parking garage.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2024.



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# **LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION**

### **Rules Applicable To Retaining Outside Court Reporting Services**

Occasionally, a party requests permission to retain an outside court reporting service (“OCRS”) in order to expedite the preparation of a hearing transcript. The granting or denying of such requests is at the discretion of the presiding administrative law judge. When the presiding administrative law judge grants a request to retain an OCRS to expedite the preparation of a hearing transcript, the parties are advised of the following general rules, which may be supplemented at the discretion of the administrative law judge:

1. The Commission’s staff court reporters will be present at the hearing, for purposes of:
  - ensuring a high quality recording of the proceedings;
  - receiving and cataloging exhibits;
  - preparing minute entries for each day of the proceedings;
  - ensuring that all participants have signed in;
  - ensuring that the outside court reporter is positioned properly; and
  - ensuring that the hearing room is ready at the start of each day’s proceedings and secured at the end of each day’s proceedings.
2. Payment for the services of the OCRS will be the responsibility of the hiring party. The Commission assumes no responsibility for the payment of such services.
3. The outside court reporter will arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the designated start-time of the proceedings each day and will set up in a space coordinated with the staff court reporters and the administrative law judge.
4. The OCRS will utilize its own equipment to record and prepare a verbatim transcript of each day’s proceedings.
5. The transcript prepared by the OCRS will be considered a “rough draft” only. The transcript will become a final, official transcript only after the rough draft prepared by the OCRS has been proofed and certified by the Commission’s staff court reporters.
6. The rough draft transcript prepared by the OCRS will be formatted in accordance with directives from the Commission’s staff court reporters.
7. The OCRS shall maintain the confidentiality of information submitted confidentially at the hearing in accordance with the directives of the administrative law judge. If confidential testimony is provided, a separate confidential and public redacted version of the transcript shall be prepared.



8. The transcript will be made public by the Commission once it has been proofed and certified by the Commission's staff court reporters. No one other than the Commission may distribute any version or portion of the transcript, except as provided herein.
9. If the party who hires the OCRS obtains daily drafts or any other versions of the transcript or recording from the OCRS, such daily drafts or other versions of the transcript or recording shall be made<sup>2</sup> available to all other parties and the administrative hearings division on the same timetable.
10. The OCRS may not provide "real-time" transcription of the proceedings to any party, unless it is provided to all parties at the proceeding and the administrative hearings division, and with the judge's permission.
11. An authorized representative of the party wishing to retain the OCRS shall acknowledge agreement with these rules by signing and dating below.
12. An authorized representative of the OCRS retained for this proceeding shall acknowledge agreement with these rules by signing and dating below.

#### **DISCLAIMER**

No employment relationship shall exist between the OCRS and the Commission. The OCRS shall neither represent nor hold itself out to third parties as being an agent, employee, servant, or contractor to or for the Commission, nor shall it have authority to bind the Commission or any of its employees.

The Commission shall not be responsible for any loss, liability, damage or costs due, in whole or in part, to the negligent or intentional acts, errors, or omissions of the OCRS and/or its personnel.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

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<sup>2</sup> The word "equally" was removed to avoid any confusion regarding payment for such transcript. It will be the responsibility of the hiring party to arrangement for payment and distribution of the transcript in accordance with these rules.

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