

**DOCKET NUMBER U-37503 - LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION VS. HILLCREST BUILDERS AND CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN RE: ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES AND COMMISSION GENERAL ORDERS FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT GROSS RECEIPTS AND/OR PAY TO THE STATE PROPER INSPECTION, CONTROL, AND SUPERVISION FEES FOR THE YEARS 2018 THROUGH 2023, FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023, AND FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMMISSION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER AND/OR WASTEWATER UTILITIES AS REQUIRED BY GENERAL ORDER DATED JULY 26, 2017 (R-34120).**

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**DATE OF HEARING: May 7, 2025**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MELISSA FREY**

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12    **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MELISSA FREY:** Good morning. Today  
13    is Wednesday May 7, 2025. I'm Administrative Law Judge Melissa Frey. We are  
14    here this morning for a hearing in Docket Number U-37503 - Louisiana Public  
15    Service Commission vs. Hillcrest Builders and Contractors, Inc. In re: Alleged  
16    violations of Louisiana revised statute and Commission general orders for failure  
17    to submit gross receipts and/or pay to the state proper inspection, control, and  
18    supervision fees for the years 2018 through 2023, for failure to file annual reports  
19    for the years 2019 through 2023, and for non-compliance with the Commission's  
20    rules and regulations for water and/or wastewater utilities as required by General  
21    Order dated July 26, 2017, Docket R-34120. Would the parties present please make  
22    their appearances for the record, starting with the Commission Staff?  
23    **MR. PAUL RACHAL:** Paul Rachal on behalf of Commission Staff.

1     **JUDGE FREY:** Let the record reflect that there is no one present in the Courtroom  
2     this morning on behalf of Hillcrest Builders and Contractors, Inc. Mr. Rachal, how  
3     would the Staff like to proceed this morning?  
4     **MR. RACHAL:** Your Honor, Staff requests a motion to continue without date.  
5     The parties are working together to resolve the issues.  
6     **JUDGE FREY:** Thank you, Mr. Rachal. A ruling on the motion to continue  
7     without date will be issued based on the Commission Staff's oral motion this  
8     morning. And just note for the record that pursuant to Rule 66 of the Commission's  
9     Rules of Practice and Procedure, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, an  
10    adjudicatory proceeding instituted before the Commission is deemed abandoned  
11    when the parties fail to take any step in the prosecution or defense for a period of  
12    one year. And a couple of procedural things. One, not that this is necessary, but I  
13    did observe that nobody has been added to the service list since the citation was  
14    issued. I'm not saying it's necessary, I just know that the company representative  
15    listed for Hillcrest is listed there. And then -- I mean, of course Staff is as well, but  
16    no additional parties have joined the service list. And this morning, I checked the  
17    public website because my Valence was not coming up. So I went to the public  
18    website, and the citation did not show up on the public website, just the Bulletin.  
19    And I had Judge Verzwylvelt check it just to make sure it wasn't just me and it  
20    comes up on her Valence. Her Valence is working. Comes up on her Valence, but  
21    when you go to the public website, the citation doesn't come up. So just --  
22    **MR. RACHAL:** Okay. Okay.

1   **JUDGE FREY:** Just letting the parties know that there's a little bit of a glitch or  
2   something going on with that. But other than that, I will issue that ruling on the  
3   motion to continue without date pursuant to Staff's request and that will go out  
4   through our normal service list procedures.

5   **MR. RACHAL:** Thank you, Your Honor. And I will check on the glitch.

6   **JUDGE FREY:** All right. Thank you. If there's nothing further, this matter is  
7   adjourned.

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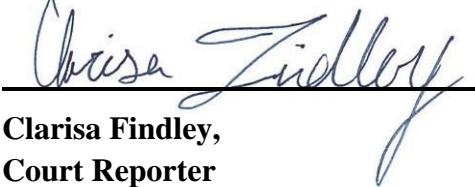
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1 I hereby certify that the foregoing pages 1 through 3 are true and correct to the best  
2 of my knowledge of the Hearing held on May 7, 2025 n Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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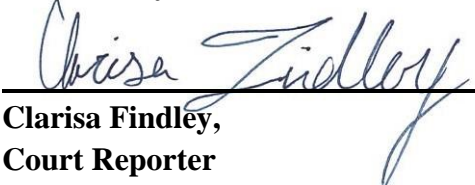
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