

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION**

DOCKET NUMBER U-36223

**THE BATON ROUGE WATER WORKS COMPANY
D/B/A BATON ROUGE WATER COMPANY, EX PARTE.**

***In re: Application for an Increase and Adjustment in Retail Rates,
Request for Interim Rates, Approval for Hurricane Ida Recovery, and
Request for Establishment of an Emergency Reserve Fund.***

REPORT OF STATUS CONFERENCE

A status conference was held in this proceeding on January 26, 2022 before Administrative Law Judge Joy Guillot. Participating in the conference were:

Kara Kantrow and Roger Simmons, on behalf of The Baton Rouge Water Works Company d/b/a Baton Rouge Water Company (“Applicant” or “BRWC”); and

Justin Bello, Thomas Broady and Peggy Schwander, on behalf of the Staff of the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC” or “Commission”).

Ms. Kantrow provided an overview of BRWC’s application and informed that the Commission approved interim rates for BRWC during the January 2022 Business and Executive Session. Further, Ms. Kantrow stated that that BRWC has submitted proofs of publication, and that discovery has started in the instant docket. Mr. Bello agreed with Ms. Kantrow’s summary and stated that the Commission Staff believes the publications of the application in the pertinent journals are sufficient. Further, the parties agreed to a procedural schedule. Accordingly,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following procedural schedule is hereby established¹:

July 1, 2022	Deadline for Commission Staff to file its Report and Recommendation, including Direct Testimony.
July 29, 2022	Deadline for BRWC to file its Response to Commission Staff’s Report and Recommendation, including Rebuttal Testimony.
August 26, 2022	Deadline for all written and oral discovery.
September 21, 2022	Deadline for Joint Pre-Hearing Statement, setting forth: 1. An agreed upon proposed order of witnesses; 2. A list of uncontested issues agreed upon by the parties; and 3. A list of contested issues.

¹ 15-day turnaround on all discovery.

September 21, 2022

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

September 28, 2022

Hearing. A hearing in this matter will be convened at **10:00 A.M., on Wednesday, September 28, 2022**, in the 11th Floor Hearing Room of the Galvez Building, 602 N. Fifth St., 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 **September 21, 2022**. 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.

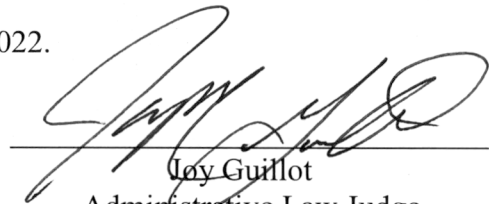
If you are disabled and require special accommodation at the hearing, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division at (225) 219-9417 at least five days prior to the date of the hearing. A public parking lot is located on North Street, across from the Galvez Building.

PLEASE NOTE: 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 have any questions, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division at (225) 219-9417.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 26th day of January, 2022.

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