

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER 13-2025

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In re: This Special Order ratifies votes taken by Vice Chairman Skrmetta acting as the Commission's representative on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States.

(Decided at the February 19, 2025 Business and Executive Session.)

ORDER

I. OVERVIEW

This matter was on the agenda for ratification of a vote taken on February 4, 2025 by Vice Chairman Skrmetta as the LPSC's representative on the Organization of MISO States ("OMS") Board of Directors. Staff followed the protocols set forth in Special Order 17-2019 to consult with the Executive Secretary and Chairman and to make a recommendation to Vice Chairman Skrmetta prior to the vote. The protocols also require that any votes taken be ratified at a following B&E. The vote to be ratified is summarized as follows:

OMS submitted feedback to MISO addressing MISO's "Expedited Resource Addition Proposal" ("ERAS"), a proposed process to allow certain qualifying generation projects needed for resource adequacy an alternative expedited path to generator interconnection due to extensive delays in the existing generator interconnection queue. The OMS comments supported the MISO ERAS proposal, but those comments opposed allowing an extension of the Commercial Operation Date of the ERAS projects beyond the initial Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") period. The MISO proposal and the existing MISO GIA provide for an automatic up to 3 year extension if needed in the event that the project is delayed.

At the recommendation of Staff, Commissioner Skrmetta voted against the OMS feedback due to the OMS position on the extension. The LPSC, along with the Mississippi Commission, submitted separate comments supporting the ERAS proposal, along with the extension rights.

II. COMMISSION JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY

The jurisdiction of the Commission is set forth by the Louisiana Constitution Article IV, Section 21, which provides:

The commission shall regulate all common carriers and public utilities and have such other regulatory authority as provided by law. It shall adopt and enforce reasonable rules, regulations, and procedures necessary for the discharge of its duties, and shall have other powers and perform other duties as provided by law.

III. CONCLUSION

This matter was placed on the Commission’s February 19, 2025 B&E Agenda for ratification by the full Commission. On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Coussan concurring, Vice Chairman Skrmetta abstaining, and Commissioner Campbell temporarily absent, the Commission voted to rarify Vice Chairman Skrmetta’s vote cast on February 4, 2025 as the Commission’s representative to the OMS.

This Order is effective immediately.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
March 21, 2025**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon M. Frey".

**BRANDON M. FREY
SECRETARY**

/S/ MIKE FRANCIS
**DISTRICT IV
CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS**

ABSTAIN
**DISTRICT I
VICE CHAIRMAN ERIC F. SKRMETTA**

ABSENT
**DISTRICT V
COMMISSIONER FOSTER L. CAMPBELL**

/S/ DAVANTE LEWIS
**DISTRICT III
COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS**

/S/ JEAN-PAUL P. COUSSAN
**DISTRICT II
COMMISSIONER JEAN-PAUL P. COUSSAN**