

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ORDER NUMBER U-36339-B

SOUTH LOUISIANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, EX PARTE.

Docket No. U-36339, In re: Request for interim and final emergency rate relief.

(Decided at the October 23, 2025 Business and Executive Session.)

ORDER

Background

On April 20, 2022, South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (“SLECA” or the “Cooperative”) filed an application for approval for a request for interim and final emergency rate relief. Notice of this proceeding was published in the Commission’s Official Bulletin No. 1270, dated April 29, 2022. The Alliance for Affordable Energy (“The Alliance”) filed a petition for intervention and request for inclusion on service list on May 23, 2022. The Alliance’s petition indicated that they intend to participate in order to protect the interests of the residential and small commercial customers. After extensive negotiations, the Louisiana Public Commission (“LPSC” or “Commission”) Staff and SLECA entered into an uncontested stipulated settlement on March 23, 2023. This settlement was initially considered at the Commission’s April 26, 2023 Business and Executive Session. The Commission unanimously adopted the uncontested stipulated settlement and subsequently issued Order U-36339-A on May 22, 2023.

On September 15, 2025, SLECA filed an *Unopposed Motion to Modify Timing of Formula Rate Plan Rate Adjustment Implementation for 2024 and 2025 Test years and Request for Consideration at the October 2025 LPSC Business and Executive Session* (“Motion”). The Commission’s Order No. U-36339-A dated May 22, 2023, established SLECA’s current FRP, with a three-year term for test years 2023, 2024, and 2025.¹ Section 2.B.2 (Tariff p. 24.1) of SLECA’s Formula Rate Plan Rider Schedule FRP provides that “FRP Rate Changes...shall become effective for bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle for the month of October of the filing year.” Despite this provision, in SLECA’s first FRP annual review proceeding under its current FRP (in Docket No. U-37210), which was based on a 2023 test year, the Commission did not consider the Joint Report and Draft Order in that matter until October 16, 2024, and did not issue Order No. U-37210 until November 12, 2024. Since SLECA’s FRP does not authorize implementation of

¹ See Docket No. U-36339, South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association, *ex parte, In re: Request for interim and final emergency rate relief.*

rate adjustments without a Commission order, this delay was beyond SLECA's control and caused rate adjustments to be implemented in the first billing cycle of January 2025.² In Docket No. U-37210, SLECA and Staff agreed to move SLECA's Storm Rider into base rates, including an under-recovery balance of \$2,168,118.47, which made the Storm Rider subject to SLECA's FRP and caused an under-recovery in Storm Rider revenues.³

In relation to the instant FRP annual report filing, which is based on a 2024 test year, SLECA calculated its computations related to the incorporation of its previous Storm Rider into its base rates on a 12-month period rather than a 9-month period (i.e., January to January rather than January to October). Staff Report and Recommendation, however, anticipates only a 9-month implementation period of the Storm Rider, which would skew the results of SLECA's filed annual report for the 2024 test year. As a result, the Staff Report and Recommendation, as filed, does not allow SLECA to recover the full amount that the Cooperative is owed due to the transfer of its Storm Rider under-recovery balance into base rates. To resolve this one remaining issue, and thereby resolve all outstanding issues in this matter, SLECA respectfully requests that the Commission amend the FRP Rider established by Order No. U-36339-A to authorize the Cooperative to implement FRP rate adjustments resulting from this proceeding on or after the first billing cycle of January 2026.

SLECA requests this amendment in the timing of rate adjustment implementation for both the second and third annual reviews of its current FRP (i.e., for this FRP annual review proceeding based on the 2024 test year and for next year's FRP annual review proceeding based on the 2025 test year.) Counsel for SLECA had contacted and provided a draft copy of this Motion to counsel for Staff, who indicated that Staff has no opposition to this Motion. This Motion was, therefore, unopposed by Staff. Therefore, Staff recommended that the Commission:

- 1) Grant this Motion; and
- 2) Amend the FRP Rider established by Order No. U-36339-A dated May 22, 2023, to authorize the Cooperative to implement FRP rate adjustments resulting from this FRP annual review proceeding and the next FRP annual review proceeding on or after the first billing cycle of January 2026 and 2027, respectively.

² SLECA filed its updated tariff on December 5, 2024, with an effective date of January 1, 2025, as the first billing cycle of December 2024 had already begun.

³ Pursuant to Order No. U-36339-A, SLECA implemented a Storm Rider line item, which remained in effect until November 12, 2024. At that time, adjustments were made, per Order No. U-37210, to remove the separate Storm Rider line item, as it was consolidated into SLECA's one FRP line item.

COMMISSION AUTHORITY

The Commission exercises jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 21 of the Louisiana Commission.

La. Const. Art. IV. Sec. 21 provides in pertinent part:

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.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

This matter was considered at the Commission's October 23, 2025, Business and Executive Session. 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 Unopposed Motion to modify Order No. U-36639-A filed into the record on September 15, 2025.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

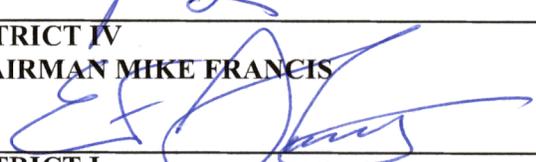
- 3) Grant this Motion; and
- 4) Amend the FRP Rider established by Order No. U-36339-A dated May 22, 2023, to authorize the Cooperative to implement FRP rate adjustments resulting from this FRP annual review proceeding and the next FRP annual review proceeding on or after the first billing cycle of January 2026 and 2027, respectively.

This Order is effective immediately.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
November 12, 2025





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