

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ORDER NUMBER U-37468-A

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC, EX PARTE.

Docket No. U-37468, In re: Application for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricane Francine and for other related relief.

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

ORDER

I. Background

On December 30, 2024, Entergy Louisiana, LLC (“ELL” or “Company”) filed its Application for Recovery in Rates of Costs Related to Hurricane Francine and for Related Relief (“Application”) with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“Commission”). Notice of the Application was published in the Commission’s Official Bulletin on January 3, 2025. Louisiana Energy Users Group (“LEUG”) and the Alliance for Affordable Energy (“Alliance”) timely intervened in the matter. On January 15, 2025, ELL filed correspondence requesting republication of its Application. Notice of the Application was republished in the Commission’s official bulletin on January 17, 2025. On January 29, 2025, ELL filed proof of publication in the official journals. On February 4, 2025, ELL filed errata pages containing corrections to the Application.

At its February 19, 2025, Business and Executive Session, the Commission voted to approve ELL’s request for interim rate relief, subject to certain conditions. This approval is memorialized in Order No. U-37468.

II. Jurisdiction and Applicable Law

The Commission exercises jurisdiction over common carriers and public utilities in Louisiana pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(B) of the Louisiana Constitution, which states:

“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. Staff Review and Uncontested Stipulated Settlement

Commission Staff conducted a review of the Application and accompanying exhibits, as well as ELL’s responses to formal and informal data requests. On June 11, 2025, the Commission Staff filed the Direct Testimony and Exhibits William J. Barta. On June 17, 2025, Commission Staff filed the Affidavit of Mr. Barta, which had been inadvertently omitted from his pre-filed testimony.

Subsequently, ELL and Commission Staff reached an agreement with regard to the issues in the docket, and executed an Uncontested Stipulated Settlement Term Sheet (“Uncontested Stipulated Settlement”). The Uncontested Stipulated Settlement was signed and supported by counsel for Commission Staff and ELL, and signed and not opposed to by counsel for LEUG and Alliance. The Uncontested Stipulated Settlement was presented at a stipulation hearing on October 15, 2025 pursuant to Rule 6 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The terms of the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement are as follows:

I. Commission Findings

1. The costs incurred by ELL in restoring service and repairing its facilities in the wake of Hurricane Francine—consisting of \$142,524,912 in distribution-related capital costs (the “Francine Distribution Capital Costs”),¹ \$29,821,014 in operations and maintenance (“O&M”) expenses related to distribution, transmission, power generation, nuclear, and other cost classes (the “Francine O&M Costs”) (collectively, with the Francine Distribution Capital Costs, the “Total Gross Storm Costs”), \$737,815 in transmission-related capital costs and \$230,583 in generation-related capital costs—are reasonable, necessary, and prudently incurred and, therefore, eligible for recovery from customers.
2. The Commission approves the following functionalization of the costs incurred by ELL in restoring service and repairing its facilities in the wake of Hurricane Francine:

Description	Distribution	Power Generation	Nuclear	Other	Transmission
Capital	\$142,524,912	\$230,583	---	---	\$737,815
O&M	\$23,629,528	\$2,397,205	\$745,913	\$165,893	\$2,882,475

3. As to the Francine Distribution Capital Costs, which amount to \$142,524,912:
 - a. The Company has demonstrated that the Francine Distribution Capital Costs were incurred as a result of an event beyond the reasonable control of ELL and, thus, is approved to recover the Francine Distribution Capital Costs pursuant to Section 3.C of the Company’s Formula Rate Plan Rider Schedule FRP (“Rider FRP”).
 - b. The Commission further finds that the Company has demonstrated that the Francine Distribution Capital Costs constitute an extraordinary increase in costs that occurred as a result of an event beyond the control of the Company and that the net annual revenue requirement has been impacted by more than \$15 million on an LPSC-jurisdictional basis; thus, the Commission finds that the Company alternatively could have recovered the Francine Distribution Capital Costs pursuant to Section 3.A.1 of Rider FRP.
 - c. The Company is approved to recover the functionalized Francine Distribution Capital Costs pursuant to the terms (except the cap) of the Distribution Recovery Mechanism (“DRM”) of Rider FRP.
 - d. The cap included in the DRM does not apply to recovery of the Francine Distribution Capital Costs.

¹ ELL’s Application originally included amounts of \$7,631,486 and \$21,462,849 for uninvoiced mutual assistance costs and estimates for third-party invoices, respectively. After filing, the Company calculated the actual amounts incurred, which are \$6,410,593 in mutual assistance costs and \$12,425,607 in third-party invoices. The actual costs are incorporated into these prudence findings.

4. The Company is authorized to recover carrying costs on the approved Francine Distribution Capital Costs at its weighted average cost of capital from the date on which the storm costs were incurred through the date of commencement of cost recovery.
5. As to the Francine O&M Costs and the carrying costs:
 - a. Of the \$33,450,000 withdrawn by the Company in February 2025, the Company shall return \$1,852,659 to its storm escrow on or before October 31, 2025 as a refund, in part, of the carrying costs originally calculated by the Company.
 - b. The Company was and remains authorized to withdraw \$31,597,341 from the storm escrow as recovery of the Francine O&M Costs and carrying costs.
6. ELL made the determination to seek recovery through existing ratemaking mechanisms (rather than through securitization) of the costs incurred by ELL from Hurricane Francine that are in excess of the amounts previously recovered from the Company's storm escrow, and such recovery is embodied in the terms of this settlement.
7. ELL will make a test year adjustment to the DRM in the Test Year 2025 annual filing of Rider FRP, to be made in 2026, to reflect the difference between accrued amounts and amounts actually paid to third parties and mutual assistance utilities.

II. Miscellaneous Provisions

8. Other than in a proceeding to approve, implement, administer, or enforce this Stipulated Settlement, the Stipulated Settlement shall not be admissible in evidence against either the Staff, ELL, Intervenors, or any Entergy Operating Company, and the terms of this Stipulated Settlement may not be used either as an admission of any sort or as evidence other than in a proceeding in which its terms are placed at issue and in any proceeding to approve or enforce the terms of this Stipulated Settlement. All oral or written statements made during the course of the settlement negotiations are governed by Louisiana Code of Evidence article 408.

IV. Commission Consideration

This matter was considered at the Commission's November 19, 2025 Business and Executive Session. After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on September 29, 2025.


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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Uncontested Stipulated Settlement filed into the record on September 29, 2025 is accepted; and,
2. This order is effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
December 19, 2025





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