

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION**

**DOCKET NUMBER U-37087**

**SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION,  
EX PARTE**

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*In re: Request for Increase in Base Rates*

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**REPORT OF INITIAL STATUS CONFERENCE**

A status conference was convened in this proceeding on February 12, 2024, before Louisiana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Chief Administrative Law Judge Melanie Verzwylt. Participating in the conference were:

Katherine Domingue, telephonically, Glenn Edwards, Chris Piasecki, and Wayne Phillips on behalf of Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation (the “Applicant” or “SLEMCO”); and

Arvind Viswanathan, Robin Pendergrass, and Thomas Broady on behalf of the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Staff.

Mr. Viswanathan circulated a proposed procedural schedule. Mr. Edwards provided an overview of the application. Mr. Edwards stated that the Applicant has published notice in all the parishes where it is constitutionally required and that affidavits of publication will be filed once they are received by the Applicant. Mr. Viswanathan stated that a set of data requests has been provided to the Applicant. Ms. Domingue provided that the Applicant plans to respond to the data requests by next week. The Tribunal advised the Applicant to work with Staff on deciding which financial documents should or should not be considered confidential. The Parties agreed to the proposed procedural schedule. Accordingly,

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the following procedural schedule is hereby established:

June 5, 2024	Deadline for Staff Recommendation and Direct Testimony
August 5, 2024	Deadline for Applicant’s Response to Staff’s Report and Recommendation, including Rebuttal Testimony
September 4, 2024	Deadline to issue written discovery requests. The parties agreed to a 15-day turnaround for all written discovery.
September 18, 2024	Deadline for Joint Pre-Hearing Statement, providing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A list of all witnesses and agreed-upon order of presentation</li><li>2. A list of uncontested issues agreed upon by the parties; and</li></ol>

3. A list of contested issues.

September 25, 2024      Pre-Hearing Brief: Deadline for filing of pre-hearing briefs. The parties' briefs shall address, in the order presented in the Joint Pre-Hearing Statement, the remaining issues in dispute.

October 9, 2024      **Hearing.** A hearing on the application will be convened at **9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024**, in the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room of the Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Should the parties wish to proceed by stipulation pursuant to Rule 6(B), an uncontested stipulation hearing will be scheduled upon the filing of a Joint Motion for the Scheduling of a Stipulation Hearing, an Uncontested Stipulated Settlement executed by all parties, and supporting testimony.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 12th day of February, 2024.



Melanie Verzwylt  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

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