

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION**

DOCKET NUMBER U-37134

1803 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., BEAUREGARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., CLAIBORNE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., NORTHEAST LOUISIANA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC., SOUTH LOUISIANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOC., AND WASHINGTON-ST. TAMMANY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

In re: Petition for Approval of Asset Transfer by 1803 Member Cooperatives and Operation of Transmission Facilities by 1803.

REPORT OF INITIAL STATUS CONFERENCE

A status conference was convened in this proceeding on April 17, 2024, before Louisiana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Chief Administrative Law Judge Melanie Verzwylt. Participating in the conference were:

Kyle Marionneaux and John Grinton on behalf of 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc., (“1803”);

Luke Piontek on behalf of Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc., (“NELPCO”);

Jamie Watts on behalf of Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”);

Charles Hughes, telephonically, on behalf of Washington-St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc.;

Gordon Polozola, telephonically, on behalf of Louisiana Generating LLC (“LaGen”);

Stanwood Duval, telephonically, on behalf of South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (“SLECA”); and

Arvind Viswanathan on behalf of the Commission Staff.

No one appeared on behalf of Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc. or Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Marionneaux gave a brief overview of the asset transfer process up to this point. Mr. Polozola explained the reasoning behind LaGen’s intervention, specifically in relation to the wholesale power contracts currently in place between the 1803 Cooperatives and LaGen. Mr. Piontek mentioned the need to move forward in a timely manner due to the January 1, 2025 start date of 1803’s wholesale power contract with NELPCO. Following this, the parties agreed to a procedural schedule. Accordingly,

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

May 17, 2024	Deadline for 1803 to file an Amended Asset List, if necessary;
June 28, 2024	Deadline for Commission Staff and Intervenors to file Direct Testimony;
July 24, 2024	Deadline for Commission Staff and Intervenors to file Cross-Answering Testimony;
August 7, 2024	Deadline for Joint Applicants to file Rebuttal Testimony ¹ ;
August 21, 2024	Deadline for Discovery (all written discovery and depositions shall be completed by this date, and motions to compel filed, if necessary) ² ;
August 28, 2024	Deadline for Dispositive Motions;
September 9, 2024	Deadline for Joint Pre-Hearing Statement, setting forth: 1. A list of all witnesses and agreed upon order of presentation; 2. A list of uncontested issues agreed upon by the parties; and 3. A list of contested issues.
September 16, 2024	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; and
September 24-25, 2024	Hearing A hearing in this matter will be convened at 9:30 A.M., on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 and will continue as needed until Wednesday, September 25, 2024 , in the 1 st Floor Natchez Room of the Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

All parties intending to present evidence at the hearing shall bring a copy of each exhibit for the court reporter, judge, 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 17, 2024**. 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)

¹ The parties agreed to a 10-day turnaround on Discovery related to the Rebuttal Testimony.

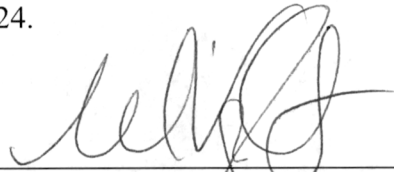
² The parties agreed to a 15-day turnaround on all other Discovery.

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.

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 need special accommodations at the hearing, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division at (225) 219-9417 at least five days prior to the hearing. A public parking garage is located on North Street, across from the Galvez Building.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 17th day of April, 2024.



Melanie Verzwylt
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