

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION**

DOCKET NUMBER U-35049

**CLECO POWER LLC,
EX PARTE**

In re: Formula Rate Plan – June 2018 Monitoring Report and Application for Authorization to Implement Rate Reductions Resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 and Related Rate Changes and Refunds.

REPORT OF APRIL 30, 2019 STATUS CONFERENCE

A status conference was convened in this proceeding on April 30, 2019 before Administrative Law Judge Steve Kabel. Participating in the status conference were:

Daniel Pancamo and Robert Cleghorn, on behalf of Cleco Power, LLC (“Cleco Power” or “Company”);

Carrie Tournillon, on behalf of Packaging Corporation of America (“PCA”); and

Melissa Watson and Paul Chastant, on behalf of the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Staff.

The parties discussed the relationship between the instant Docket and the proceedings in Docket No. U-34687¹ (concerning Cleco Power’s 2017 Formula Rate Plan monitoring report). The parties additionally discussed Cleco Power’s upcoming rate case that will be filed in June 2019.

Following a brief discussion, the parties agreed to a procedural schedule to address the issues contained in Cleco Power’s Application that was filed in the instant Docket on January 31, 2019, which addressed Cleco Power’s proposed compliance with the Commission’s General Order dated November 30, 2018² (“TCJA General Order”), and issues involving the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Accordingly,

¹ Docket No. U-34687, Cleco Power, ex parte, *In re: Annual Cost of Service and Formula Rate Plan annual earnings monitoring report, for year ended June 30, 2017.*

² GENERAL ORDER (Nov. 30, 2018), Docket No. R-34754, Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte, *In re: Consideration of appropriate manner to flow through to ratepayers the benefit of the reduction in corporate income taxes as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, treatment of the regulatory liability ordered by the Commission to be recorded by utilities pursuant to the Commission’s Special Order 13-2018, and related matters.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following procedural schedule is hereby established for adjudication of the issues contained in Cleco Power's January 31, 2019 Application:

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| June 3, 2019 | Deadline for motions addressing the scope of the docket. |
| June 28, 2019 | Last day to propound written discovery on Cleco Power's January 31, 2019 Application (fifteen-day turnaround for data responses). |
| August 16, 2019 | Deadline for Commission Staff's and PCA's Direct Testimony regarding Cleco Power's January 31, 2019 Application. |
| September 13, 2019 | Deadline for Commission Staff's and PCA's Cross-Answering Testimony regarding Cleco Power's January 31, 2019 Application. |
| September 30, 2019 | Last day to propound written discovery on Commission Staff's and PCA's Direct and Cross-Answering Testimony regarding Cleco Power's January 31, 2019 Application (fifteen-day turnaround for data responses). |
| October 15, 2019 | Deadline for Cleco Power's Rebuttal Testimony regarding its January 31, 2019 Application. |
| November 27, 2019 | Last day to propound written discovery on Cleco Power's Rebuttal Testimony regarding Cleco Power's January 31, 2019 Application (fifteen-day turnaround for data responses). |
| January 14, 2020 | Filing date for jointly-prepared Pre-Trial Order, containing an agreed upon proposed order of witnesses. |
| January 21, 2020 | Deadline for Pre-Hearing Briefs, including party's listing and summary of disputed issues. |
| January 28-30, 2020 | Hearing. A hearing in this matter will be convened at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 and continuing as necessary on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 and Thursday, January 30, 2020 in the 11th Floor Hearing Room of the Galvez Building, 602 N. Fifth St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana. |

Any party seeking a continuance of the hearing date must file a motion for the continuance by **January 21, 2020**. 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) 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 for the delay.

If you are disabled and require special accommodation at the hearing, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division at (225) 219-9417 at least five days prior to the date of the hearing. A public parking lot is located on North Street, across from the Galvez Building.

PLEASE NOTE: 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.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the procedural schedule adopted herein does not encompass adjudication of any remaining issues in the instant Docket (i.e., issues related to Cleco Power's 2018 Formula Rate Plan Monitoring Report). No procedural schedule for adjudication of any such remaining issues is adopted at this time.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 30th day of April, 2019.



Steve Kabel
Administrative Law Judge

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