

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION**

DOCKET NUMBER U-38035

CLECO POWER LLC, EX PARTE.

In re: Application of Cleco Power LLC for authorization of certain contracts, including a site specific contract, as well as certification of transmission interconnection, new generation, and associated waivers for a large load customer pursuant to the Commission's Lightning Initiative.

**RULING ON MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND
CANCEL STATUS CONFERENCE**

HAVING CONSIDERED the Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule and Cancel Status Conference (“Motion”) filed by Cleco Power LLC (“Cleco”) on September 16, 2026;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is **granted**. Accordingly,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the status conference scheduled for September 17, 2026 is cancelled.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following procedural schedule is hereby established in Docket No. U-38035:

November 20, 2026	Deadline for the filing of Commission Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimonies.
December 21, 2026	Deadline for the filing of Commission Staff and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimonies.
January 5, 2027	Deadline for the filing of Cleco Rebuttal Testimony.
January 12, 2027	Deadline for discovery ¹ , including the issuance of written discovery on Cleco’s Rebuttal Testimony.
January 19, 2027	Deadline to file a Joint Pre-Hearing Statement, which contains: 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.

¹ The parties agree to a 15-day turnaround on discovery, with the following modifications: Cleco will endeavor to respond to discovery within 10 days and will provide responses on a rolling basis; Commission Staff and Intervenor will have 7 days to respond to discovery on Commission Staff and Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimonies; and Cleco will have 7 days to respond to discovery on its Rebuttal Testimony.

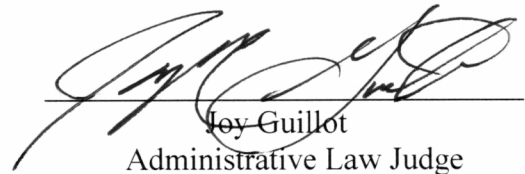
January 26-27, 2027

Hearing. A hearing in this proceeding will be convened at **10:00 A.M.**² on **Tuesday, January 26, 2027, and continue as needed on Wednesday, January 27, 2027**, in the 1st Floor Natchez Room of the Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.³

The parties have advised that Cleco intends to hire an outside court reporting service. Please see the attached rules for outside court reporting services. Further, all parties intending to present evidence at the hearing shall bring a copy of each exhibit for the Commission court reporter, as well as additional copies for the judge, the 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 and unstapled.* Exhibits not easily printed may be provided on an electronic storage device that is appropriately identified, marked as confidential or public, and maintained in such a way to ensure that the device is not damaged in handling. While CDs are accepted, thumb drives are preferred.

If you require special accommodation at the hearing, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division at (225) 219-9417 before the date of the hearing. Public parking is available in the Galvez Garage on North Street across from the Galvez Building. Visitors should take a picture of their license plate as they must provide detailed vehicle information within thirty minutes of entry into the parking garage. Further instructions will be provided upon arrival at the Commission.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 16th day of September 2026.


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Administrative Law Judge

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² Although the parties requested that the hearing convene at 9:30 A.M., the Tribunal has scheduled the hearing to be convened 10:00 A.M. on January 26, 2027.

³ Due to the Commission's Directive at the September 16, 2026 Business and Executive Session that the Administrative Hearings Division serve as a hearing examiner and compile a complete evidentiary record for the Commission's *de novo* consideration, without the issuance of a formal recommendation from the presiding administrative law judge, pre-hearing briefs, opening statements, and post-hearing briefs are not required.

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Rules Applicable To Retaining Outside Court Reporting Services

Occasionally, a party requests permission to retain an outside court reporting service (“OCRS”) in order to expedite the preparation of a hearing transcript. The granting or denying of such requests is at the discretion of the presiding administrative law judge. When the presiding administrative law judge grants a request to retain an OCRS to expedite the preparation of a hearing transcript, the parties are advised of the following general rules, which may be supplemented at the discretion of the administrative law judge:

1. The Commission’s staff court reporters will be present at the hearing, for purposes of:
 - ensuring a high quality recording of the proceedings;
 - receiving and cataloguing exhibits;
 - preparing minute entries for each day of the proceedings;
 - ensuring that all participants have signed in;
 - ensuring that the outside court reporter is positioned properly; and
 - ensuring that the hearing room is ready at the start of each day’s proceedings and secured at the end of each day’s proceedings.
2. Payment for the services of the OCRS will be the responsibility of the hiring party. The Commission assumes no responsibility for the payment of such services.
3. The outside court reporter will arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the designated start-time of the proceedings each day and will set up in a space coordinated with the staff court reporters and the administrative law judge.
4. The OCRS will utilize its own equipment to record and prepare a verbatim transcript of each day’s proceedings.
5. The transcript prepared by the OCRS will be considered a “rough draft” only. The transcript will become a final, official transcript only after the rough draft prepared by the OCRS has been proofed and certified by the Commission’s staff court reporters.
6. An RTF copy of each day’s transcript should be emailed to the Administrative Program Manager of the Commission’s Administrative Hearings Division. The Administrative Program Manager is Kathy Dykes. Her email is Kathy.D@la.gov, and her phone number is 225-219-9417.
7. The OCRS shall maintain the confidentiality of information submitted confidentially at the hearing in accordance with the directives of the administrative law judge. If confidential testimony is provided, a separate confidential and public redacted version of the transcript shall be prepared.

8. The transcript will be made public by the Commission once it has been proofed and certified by the Commission's staff court reporters. No one other than the Commission may distribute any version or portion of the transcript, except as provided herein.
9. If the party who hires the OCRS obtains daily drafts or any other versions of the transcript or recording from the OCRS, such daily drafts or other versions of the transcript or recording shall be made equally available to all other parties and the administrative hearings division on the same timetable.
10. The OCRS may not provide "real-time" transcription of the proceedings to any party, unless it is provided to all parties at the proceeding and the administrative hearings division, and with the judge's permission.
11. An authorized representative of the party wishing to retain the OCRS shall acknowledge agreement with these rules by signing and dating below.
12. An authorized representative of the OCRS retained for this proceeding shall acknowledge agreement with these rules by signing and dating below.

DISCLAIMER

No employment relationship shall exist between the OCRS and the Commission. The OCRS shall neither represent nor hold itself out to third parties as being an agent, employee, servant, or contractor to or for the Commission, nor shall it have authority to bind the Commission or any of its employees.

The Commission shall not be responsible for any loss, liability, damage or costs due, in whole or in part, to the negligent or intentional acts, errors, or omissions of the OCRS and/or its personnel.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Party to Retain Outside Court Reporting Service:

SIGNATURE:

PRINT NAME:

ON BEHALF OF:

DATE

Outside Court Reporting Service Authorized Representative:

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