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Re: Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Certification of Generation and Transmission Resources and for Other Relief Pursuant to the Commission's Lightning Initiative (LPSC Docket No. U-37882)

Dear Ms. Abel:

I have enclosed an original and three copies of Entergy Louisiana, LLC's Motion Pursuant to Rule 57 for Procedural Directive, in connection with the referenced matter. Please file this in the record in accordance with the Commission's fax filing procedures and return a date-stamped copy to me in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope. I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the fax filing fee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your courtesy and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew T. Brown

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Enclosures
cc: Official Service List U-37882 (via electronic mail)

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BEFORE THE
LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF ENTERGY)
LOUISIANA, LLC FOR CERTIFICATION)
OF GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION)
RESOURCES AND FOR OTHER RELIEF)
PURSUANT TO THE COMMISSION’S)
LIGHTNING INITIATIVE)**

DOCKET NO. U-37882

**ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC’S MOTION
PURSUANT TO RULE 57 FOR PROCEDURAL DIRECTIVE**

Entergy Louisiana, LLC (“ELL” or the “Company”), pursuant to Rule 57 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, respectfully requests that the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC” or the “Commission”), at its April 15, 2026 Business and Executive Session, exercise its original and primary jurisdiction and, consistent with the Commission’s Lightning Initiative,¹ issue a directive to the Administrative Hearings Division to serve as hearing examiner and compile a record of this proceeding, without a recommendation, for the Commission’s consideration at the November 18, 2026 Business and Executive Session. For the reasons more fully set forth below, ELL avers that good cause exists for the Commission to exercise its original and primary jurisdiction and issue the requested Directive to enable timely resolution of the relief requested in ELL’s application in accordance with the Commission’s Lightning Initiative.

¹ See LPSC Minutes from December 17, 2025, Open Session, at p. 6, available at https://www.lpsc.louisiana.gov/docs/minutes/Dec_17_2025_Min.pdf.

1.

On March 25, 2026, ELL filed its Application for Certification of Generation and Transmission Resources and for Other Relief Pursuant to the Commission’s Lightning Initiative and supporting testimony (the “Application”). The Application is supported by the Direct Testimony of Company witnesses Phillip R. May, Laura K. Beauchamp, Ryan D. Jones, Samrat Datta, Daniel Kline, Troy R. Heytens, Thomas Kidd, Kenroy Hinkson, Ryan M. Dumas, Norman Grunden, Michael J. Goin, Jeremy Halland, Robert J. Fluth, Elizabeth C. Ingram, and Nicholas W. Owens. The Application requested, among things, approval of certain necessary generation and transmission assets need to serve a new load within five years of the Application subject to a 20-year Electric Service Agreement (“ESA”). The load at issue is the latest hyperscale data center seeking to invest in Louisiana, its people, and its grid (the “Project”).

2.

In recent years, Louisiana has been on the path to economic resurgence with numerous new and expanding projects choosing Louisiana over other locations to site significant industrial and technology projects that are changing the state’s economy and altering the trajectory of the State’s future. An important part of the consideration for these customers in where to locate these projects is the ability to deliver speed-to-power and execute on the economic driven power needs. In an effort to cement Louisiana’s status as a leader in economic development, Governor Landry issued the Louisiana Lightning Speed Initiative, which called upon state agencies to work with Louisiana Economic Development (“LED”) with the goal to accelerate the timelines required for major employers to invest, build, and grow in Louisiana.

3.

At its December 17, 2025 Business and Executive Session, to support the Governor’s initiative the Commission issued its Lightning Initiative “to create a regulatory pathway that enables Louisiana to be a consistent leader in attracting major employers.” The Commission’s Lightning Initiative provides that the requirements of the MBM Order will be waived for a proposed capacity addition where certain factors are demonstrated and proven to the Commission in the certification proceeding for the proposed capacity addition.²

4.

To qualify for the Lightning Initiative, the application for the proposed capacity addition must meet five requirements. First, there must be a signed ESA with a new or expanding load with a requested in-service date within five years of the certification application. Second, without the proposed capacity addition, the applicant is projected to be short of the energy or capacity needed to meet the customer’s electric requirements on the requested in-service dates. Third, the Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development (“LED”) must provide a letter confirming the customer’s interest and the importance of power availability in less than five years. Fourth, the ESA must have a term of at least fifteen (15) years, with an option to renew. Fifth, the ESA must ensure a level of fixed revenue over the ESA term that covers at least one-half of the fixed revenue requirement associated with the requested capacity during the term of the customer’s ESA. Furthermore, if a utility intends to utilize the Lightning Initiative pathway it must notify the Commission Executive Counsel of its intent at least sixty (60) days prior to any filing.

² See Lightning Initiative, Minutes of the LPSC Business & Executive Open Session, Dec. 17, 2025, at Ex. 22 (adopting the Commission’s “Lightning Initiative”); *see also* Transcript of LPSC Business & Executive Open Session, Dec. 17, 2025, pp. 59-60, 84.

5.

If a certification proceeding is filed that satisfies the Lightning Initiative factors, Commission Staff are directed to timely review and process the application, including the retention and use of counsel and consultants, as well as handling interventions, to meet the objective of allowing the Commission to vote on the application within eight (8) months of the application's filing. Notwithstanding the procedure available to qualifying applicants, the Lightning Initiative does not otherwise relinquish Commission authority over proposed capacity additions, nor does the Lightning Initiative restrict or limit participation by interested parties in the certification proceeding.

6.

The Application submitted by the Company meets the five Lightning Initiative criteria. As detailed in the Direct Testimony of Ryan D. Jones, the executed ESA for the Project meets the Lightning Initiative factors. The Project seeks power within five years, and ELL is projected to be short of the capacity needed to meet the terms of the ESA without the proposed capacity. The LED has issued a letter confirming the Customer's interest and the importance of power availability within the initial in-service date.³ The signed ESA has a term of 20 years, with an option to renew, and as detailed in Mr. Jones' testimony, the ESA will provide fixed revenue over its term that will cover significantly more than one-half of the fixed revenue requirement associated with the requested capacity – far more, in fact. Having satisfied all of the Lightning Initiative factors, ELL provided the Commission's Executive Counsel with more than sixty (60) days' notice of its intent to file under the Lightning Initiative.

³ A copy of the LED letter is attached to the Direct Testimony of Mr. Jones as RDJ-5 and is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Considering that the Company's Application in this matter thus satisfies the requirements of the Lightning Initiative, and to facilitate and achieve timely Commission review of the Application as contemplated by that initiative, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission issue a directive to the Administrative Hearings Division to adopt a procedural schedule in this matter "to ensure that th[e] application[is]reviewed and processed on a timely basis . . . and handling any matters that arise with interventions, with the objective of the Commission being able to vote within 8 months of [the] application." As the Company's Application was filed on March 25, 2026, ELL requests that the Commission direct that the procedural schedule for this docket be crafted in a manner that reasonably allows for the Commission's consideration of the Company's requested relief to occur at the Commission's November 18, 2026 Business and Executive Session. To accommodate further the procedural schedule required by the Lightning Initiative, the Company also requests that the Commission direct the Administrative Hearings Division to serve as a hearing examiner and to compile a record, without the formal recommendation contemplated by Rule 56 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, for the Commission's consideration at its November 18, 2026 Business & Executive Session.⁴

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission assert its original and primary jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 57 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure; consider this request at its April 15, 2026 Business and Executive Session; and issue a directive to the Administrative Hearings Division to enter a procedural

⁴ The Commission's rules contemplate that the Commission, at its discretion, may consider a matter directly, on the basis of a record compiled before a Hearing Examiner, and without a formal recommendation from the Administrative Hearings Division. See Rule 27(C) of the Commission's Rules of Practices and Procedures.

schedule in this docket that ensures Commission consideration of the Company's relief requested in the Application at the Commission's November 18, 2026 Business and Executive Session and further, to serve as hearing examiner and compile a record of this proceeding, without a formal recommendation from the presiding administrative law judge.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Planned Investment by Evest, LLC in Richland Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Frey,

Pursuant to the requirements of the Lightning Amendment to the General Order (the "Lightning Amendment") that was issued by the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" or "Commission") during its Business and Executive Session on December 17, 2025, Louisiana Economic Development ("LED") is pleased to confirm that Evest, LLC, a subsidiary of Meta Platforms, Inc., has expressed an interest in completing a significant data center investment in Richland Parish, Louisiana, provided that it can obtain, among other things, power availability within the next five years (including initial utility contract power by 2028).

As recognized by the Commission in issuing the Lightning Amendment, Louisiana is well-positioned to compete for economic opportunities and has been recognized in recent years for its efforts in ensuring the state is an attractive place in which to do business. Those efforts are achieving real results: as the Commission is aware, there has been a series of high-profile economic development announcements in Louisiana in recent years.

Provided the project's power availability and other needs are satisfied, Evest's planned investment will continue the transformative economic momentum that has taken hold of the northeastern portion of our state. LED looks forward to the continued success in Richland Parish and across all of Louisiana as developments like the one planned by Evest come to fruition and, in turn, spark additional economic activity and investments for the benefit of all of our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Bonnett Bourgeois". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Bonnett Bourgeois
Secretary
Louisiana Economic Development

cc: Phillip R. May, Entergy Louisiana, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
LPSC Docket No. U-37882

I hereby certify that the foregoing pleading was served on all parties of record listed on the Official Service List through electronic delivery.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 2nd day of April, 2026.



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