

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ORDER NUMBER U-37583

SOUTH LOUISIANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, EX PARTE.

Docket No. U-37583, In re: Formula Rate Plan Annual Report for Test Year 2024.

(Decided at the October 23, 2025 Business and Executive Session.)

ORDER

Overview and Procedural History

The Louisiana Public Service Commission (“Commission”), having reviewed and considered the Joint Report and Draft Order on South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association’s Formula Rate Plan Annual Report Filing for the Test Year Ending December 31, 2024 (“Joint Report”) submitted by the Louisiana Public Service Commission Staff (“Staff”) and South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (“SLECA” or “Cooperative”), finds the Joint Report, together with its attached exhibits to be acceptable and in accordance with the provisions of the Commission’s Order No. No. U-36339-A dated May 22, 2023, which established the Cooperative’s current Formula Rate Plan (“FRP”) for test years 2024-2026. The Joint Report was filed into the record on September 15, 2025.

The Joint Report is subject to an Unopposed Motion to Modify Timing of Formula Rate Plan Adjustment Implementation for 2024 and 2025 Test Years (“Unopposed Motion”) filed into on September 15, 2025. In conjunction with the Unopposed Motion, the Joint Report indicated that, after adjustments, SLECA earned a Calculated Times Interest Earned Ratio (“TIER”) of 2.61. Since SLECA’s Calculated TIER was above the bandwidth prescribed in the Cooperative’s FRP, the implementation of a rate reduction of approximately \$1,186,000, or 4.08%, in FRP revenue is required.

Commission Jurisdiction and Authority

The Commission exercises jurisdiction over public utilities in Louisiana pursuant to Article 4, Section 21(B) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, which provides the following:

The commission shall regulate all common carriers and public utilities and have such other regulatory authority as provided by law. It shall adopt and enforce reasonable rules, regulations, and procedures necessary for the discharge of its duties, and shall have other powers and perform other duties as provided by law.

Pursuant to its constitutional authority, the Commission issued Order No. U-36339-A, which established SLECA’s current FRP. The Cooperative’s FRP provides for a TIER bandwidth

with a lower band of 1.40, an upper band of 1.60, and a midpoint of 1.50. Under the FRP, if a test year's Calculated TIER is less than 1.40 or greater than 1.60, SLECA's FRP Rider revenue is to be increased or decreased, respectively, by the amount necessary to increase or decrease the Calculated TIER to reach the midpoint of 1.50.

Commission Consideration

This matter was considered at the Commission's October 23, 2025, Business and Executive Session. On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Coussan temporarily absent, the Commission voted to accept the Joint Report and issue the Draft Order filed into the record on September 15, 2025.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission accepts the Joint Report filed on September 15, 2025, and issues the Draft Order attached thereto.
2. SLECA is authorized, in accordance with the provisions of its FRP, to adjust its rates to implement a reduction in FRP Rider revenue of approximately \$1,186,000 to reset its rates to reach the midpoint TIER of 1.50, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this Order, SLECA shall submit an updated and revised tariff to the Commission's Utilities Division and Legal Division for their review and approval. SLECA shall not implement the rates authorized by this Order unless and until Staff receives and approves the Cooperative's updated and revised tariff.

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- 3. The Commission grants the Unopposed Motion filed on September 15, 2025.
- 4. The Commission amends the FRP Rider established by Order No. U-36339-A dated May 22, 2023, to authorize the Cooperative to implement FRP rate adjustments resulting from this FRP annual review proceeding and the next FRP annual review proceeding on or after the first billing cycle of January 2026 and 2027, respectively.
- 5. This action is taken without prejudice to the Commission’s authority to make investigations and require any reasonably necessary change that the Commission may legally find to be in the public interest.

This order is effective immediately.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
November 12, 2025



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BRANDON M. FREY
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