

# LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER 49-2025

## LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION EX PARTE

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*In re: This Special Order ratifies votes taken by Vice Chairman Skrmetta acting as the Commission's representative on the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States.*

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(Decided at the August 20, 2025 Business and Executive Session.)

### ORDER

#### I. OVERVIEW

This matter was on the agenda for ratification of votes taken on June 7 and July 7, 2025 by Vice Chairman Skrmetta as the LPSC's representative on the Organization of MISO States ("OMS") Board of Directors. Staff followed the protocols set forth in Special Order 17-2019 to consult with the Executive Secretary and Chairman and to make a recommendation to Vice Chairman Skrmetta prior to the vote. The protocols also require that any votes taken be ratified at a following B&E. The vote to be ratified is summarized as follows:

1. OMS filed post-technical conference comments on July 7 in FERC docket AD25-7, a docket gathering information on resource adequacy issues in RTOs. Those comments supported state regulator jurisdiction over resource adequacy and urged for time to evaluate whether recent reforms are sufficient before taking additional actions. At the recommendation of Staff, the LPSC voted in favor of the OMS comments.
2. On June 9, OMS filed comments in FERC Docket No. EL25-80, a complaint proceeding brought by MISO against the MISO Independent Market Monitor challenging whether the IMM was acting outside of the scope of his duties by commenting on the MISO Tranche 2 planning assumptions. The OMS comments urged that the IMM can provide views on issues that affect MISO markets and should remain independent. At the recommendation of Staff, the LPSC voted in favor of the OMS comments.

#### II. COMMISSION JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY

The jurisdiction of the Commission is set forth by the Louisiana Constitution Article IV, Section 21, which provides:

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.

#### III. CONCLUSION

This matter was placed on the Commission's August 20, 2025 B&E Agenda for ratification by the full Commission. On motion of Chairman Francis, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Coussan concurring, and Vice Chairman Skrmetta

abstaining, the Commission voted to ratify Vice Chairman Skrmetta's votes taken on June 9, 2025 and July 7, 2025 as the Louisiana Public Service Commission's representative to the OMS.

**This Order is effective immediately.**

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
September 3, 2025**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon M. Frey".

**BRANDON M. FREY  
SECRETARY**

*/S/ MIKE FRANCIS*

**DISTRICT IV  
CHAIRMAN MIKE FRANCIS**

*ABSTAIN*

**DISTRICT I  
VICE CHAIRMAN ERIC F. SKRMETTA**

*/S/ FOSTER L. CAMPBELL*

**DISTRICT V  
COMMISSIONER FOSTER L. CAMPBELL**

*/S/ DAVANTE LEWIS*

**DISTRICT III  
COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS**

*/S/ JEAN-PAUL P. COUSSAN*

**DISTRICT II  
COMMISSIONER JEAN-PAUL P. COUSSAN**