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Mr. Brandon Frey
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**Re: Application of Entergy Louisiana, LLC for Extension of Phase I of the Entergy
Future Ready Resilience Plan
(LPSC Docket No. U-_____)**

Dear Mr. Frey:

I have enclosed, on behalf of Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL" or "Company"), the original and three copies of a Non-Confidential Public Version of the Company's Application for Extension of Phase I of the Entergy Future Ready Resilience Plan, along with the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Sean Meredith, Chris Gremillion, and Patrick A. Sullivan. Please retain the original and two copies for your files and return a date-stamped copy to our by-hand courier.

I have also enclosed five copies of the Confidential Exhibit contained in the referenced filing, which is being provided under seal pursuant to the provisions of the LPSC General Order dated August 31, 1992, and Rules 12.1 and 26 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The confidential materials included in the filing consist of competitively sensitive market information or sensitive infrastructure information, the disclosure of which may create an artificial target for suppliers/vendors or create physical security risks. For this reason, this material is confidential and commercially sensitive. The disclosure of the information contained herein would subject not only the Company, but also its customers, to a substantial risk of harm. Accordingly, it is critical that this information remain confidential.

Please retain the appropriately marked Confidential Exhibit for your files and return a date-stamped copy to our by-hand courier. The three additional confidential copies are for the Administrative Law Judge, Staff Attorney, and Research Attorney. Additional copies of the Confidential Exhibit contained in this filing will be provided to the appropriate representatives of the Louisiana Public Service Commission Staff and made available to intervenors once a suitable Confidentiality Agreement has been executed by the parties.

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

Sincerely,



Jason M. Bilbe

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Enclosures

cc: LPSC Commissioners (Public version only by email)
Phillip R. May
Lawrence J. Hand, Jr.

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**IN RE: APPLICATION OF ENTERGY)
LOUISIANA, LLC FOR EXTENSION OF)
PHASE I OF THE ENTERGY FUTURE)
READY RESILIENCE PLAN)**

DOCKET NO. U-_____

**APPLICATION OF ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC FOR EXTENSION
OF PHASE I OF THE ENTERGY FUTURE READY RESILIENCE PLAN**

Pursuant to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" or the "Commission"), Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL" or the "Company") respectfully submits its Application for Extension of Phase I of the Entergy Future Ready Resilience Plan (the "Application"). As described more fully in the supporting Direct Testimony accompanying this Application and in the Prayer for Relief below, ELL's Application requests that the Commission approve, and issue a public interest finding regarding, 87 proposed projects that will extend Phase I of ELL's Resilience Plan ("Phase IA of the Resilience Plan" or "Phase IA"). In particular, ELL requests that the Commission: (i) find that the distribution and transmission hardening projects proposed herein are prudent and in the public interest; (ii) authorize the Company's continued implementation of the Resilience Plan Cost Recovery Rider ("Resilience Plan Rider") to recover the costs of Phase IA of the Resilience Plan; (iii) approve the Company's correction of the Resilience Plan Rider to include prospectively transmission and distribution removal costs in the Resilience Plan Revenue Requirement and the use of regulatory assets to facilitate the recovery and tracking of such costs; (iv) approve the continued use of regulatory assets for the recovery of (and on, if applicable) the remaining net book value of assets that are replaced through Phase IA of the Resilience Plan, at the level currently reflected in ELL's rates;

(v) extend the Monitoring Plan approved in Order No. U-36625 to Phase IA, subject to any modifications the Commission may order; (vi) acknowledge that ELL will be requesting Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approval to capitalize certain conductor handling expenses that would otherwise be treated as expenses and express support or non-opposition to the contemplated FERC waiver request; and (vii) direct the Administrative Hearings Division to adopt a procedural schedule necessary to facilitate a Commission decision on this Application no later than July 31, 2027.

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

I.

In Order No. U-36625, the Commission approved a subset of resilience projects proposed by the Company after discussions with Commission Staff, intervenors, and stakeholders, including (1) \$1.9 billion in Grid Hardening Projects over a five (5) year period, and (2) \$88 million in dead-end structure projects (collectively, “Phase I of the Resilience Plan” or “Phase I”).¹ The approved Phase I plan consists of 2,119 individual projects that have been grouped into approximately 160 Funding Projects to better facilitate management and execution. As of June 30, 2026, the Company has completed hardening of approximately 27,000 structures.

II.

In addition to finding that the Phase I resilience projects are prudent and in the public interest, the Commission authorized contemporaneous recovery of ELL’s Phase I costs through the Resilience Plan Rider. The Commission also approved a Monitoring Plan for the Phase I resilience projects.

¹ The approved Phase I plan is set forth more fully in the Framework for Implementation of Future Ready Resilience Plan (Phase I) (“Phase I Framework”) attached to Order No. U-36625.

III.

Since the Commission approved Phase I, the pattern and risks of more intense hurricanes that ELL addressed in its Phase I application have continued. Florida alone has been struck by three major hurricanes since 2023, and, in October 2025, Hurricane Melissa became one of the strongest hurricanes to have formed in the Atlantic Ocean since records have been kept.

IV.

ELL's system also faces increasing risks from other forms of severe weather. Louisiana has experienced unusually intense thunderstorm cells in recent years that have spawned devastating tornadoes. Louisiana also has experienced an increase in severe winter weather events. A historic snowstorm blanketed much of south Louisiana in record-breaking snowfall in January 2025, and Winter Storm Fern brought ice accumulation of nearly one inch to north Louisiana in January 2026.

V.

Phase I resilience work remains ongoing, and structures that have been hardened so far have demonstrated positive results for customers throughout ELL's service area. In fact, during Winter Storm Fern, only a single wooden pole from a completed Phase I project failed in conditions within the design basis of the pole, and none of the poles that ELL has hardened in the course of Phase I failed when Tropical Storm Arthur impacted south Louisiana in June of this year.

VI.

Although Phase I is expected to deliver significant resilience benefits to ELL's customers, there are needs and opportunities to improve grid resilience with additional projects. Accordingly, the Phase I Framework approved by the Commission in Order No. U-36625 provided that "[n]othing herein should be construed as a prejudicial disposition or decision of the remainder of

projects from ELL's Phase I Application or other resilience or hardening projects that may be proposed."

OVERVIEW OF REQUESTED RELIEF AND SUPPORTING TESTIMONIES

VII.

The Company now proposes to extend Phase I of its Resilience Plan. In particular, the Company proposes as Phase IA to complete 87 identified distribution and transmission hardening projects over the course of a four-year period from 2027 through 2030.² Those projects are designed to harden approximately 9,000 structures throughout ELL's service area and are generally grouped into one of three programs: Transmission Hardening, Lateral Hardening, and Distribution Feeder Hardening. A listing of the specific projects contained in the Phase IA Resilience Plan is attached as HSPM Exhibit CG-2 to the Direct Testimony of Company witness Chris Gremillion.

VIII.

In support of the Application, the Company has submitted testimony from three witnesses.

They are as follows:

- Sean Meredith, Vice President, Project Delivery: Mr. Meredith provides an overview of the Company's Application requesting an extension of Phase I of the Resilience Plan. Mr. Meredith describes Phase I and its ongoing progress. He also introduces Phase IA of the Company's Resilience Plan as a logical and necessary continuation of the Company's Resilience Plan as Phase I approaches conclusion.
- Chris Gremillion, Vice President, Project Delivery-Capital Projects: Mr. Gremillion presents Phase IA of the Resilience Plan and provides details regarding the proposed transmission and distribution hardening projects. He also summarizes the estimated costs and benefits of implementing Phase IA, and he provides support for the conclusion that the investments included are in the public interest and should be made.
- Patrick Sullivan, Manager, Regulatory Affairs: Mr. Sullivan's testimony supports the Company's request for continued use of the Commission-approved Resilience Plan Rider, which would permit timely cost recovery as ELL completes the proposed Phase IA projects.

² The vast majority of the Phase IA spending would occur between 2027 and 2030, but some early project-planning spending is expected to occur in 2026, and some close-out spending is likely in 2031.

Mr. Sullivan's testimony also addresses the Company's proposal to modify the Resilience Plan Rider to include the recovery of transmission and distribution removal costs, including the use of regulatory assets. Mr. Sullivan also presents the Company's request to extend to Phase IA the Monitoring Plan approved in Order No. U-36625, subject to any modifications the Commission may order. Finally, Mr. Sullivan discusses an extension of the accounting waiver that ELL intends to request at the FERC, which will help to mitigate the near-term bill effect on customers.

Together, the testimonies from these witnesses fully support the Company's Application, the rationale for which is summarized below.

VIII.

Phase IA is intended to continue the momentum of the Company's Resilience Plan with additional projects that will further improve the resilience of ELL's electric system and help customers meet the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. As discussed in Mr. Gremillion's Direct Testimony, the Phase IA projects are expected to reduce future restoration costs after storms by approximately \$200 million and to reduce customer minutes interrupted after major events by approximately six (6) billion minutes, which corresponds to a potential reduction of approximately \$4.3 billion in overall outage costs over the next fifty years. The estimated cost of Phase IA is approximately \$600 million.

IX.

In addition to improving the resilience of ELL's electric system, Phase IA will serve as an efficient and beneficial bridge between Phase I of the Resilience Plan, which is expected to conclude by 2028, and a Phase II that ELL expects to develop consistent with guidance from the LPSC's ongoing resilience rulemaking in Docket No. R-36227. Approving Phase IA will allow ELL to maintain Resilience Plan momentum and keep current resources working on ELL's system.

X.

To recover its costs associated with Phase IA, ELL is requesting that the Resilience Plan Rider be extended to Phase IA. Although the annual investment levels proposed herein are less than the annual levels approved for Phase I, ELL's other capital needs have grown substantially since the Commission approved Phase I. Thus, proceeding with the proposed Phase IA investment without cash flow support from the Resilience Plan Rider would present undue risk to ELL's financial condition.

XI.

ELL also is requesting that the Commission correct the Resilience Plan Rider to include transmission and distribution removal costs in the Resilience Plan Revenue Requirement. ELL intended to include removal costs in the revenue requirement, and removal costs were previously approved for recovery via the Resilience Plan Rider,³ but these costs were inadvertently omitted from the Resilience Plan Rider and revenue requirement worksheets. As described in Mr. Sullivan's Direct Testimony, ELL would accumulate removal costs in two regulatory assets, one for transmission removal costs and another for distribution removal costs, and apply separate amortization rates which function similar to depreciation rates. Both the return on the unamortized balance of the two regulatory assets and the annual amortization would be included in the Resilience Plan Revenue Requirement. ELL is not seeking to recover previously amortized removal costs but only to recover, prospectively, the unamortized portion of removal costs previously incurred and removal costs incurred for the approved portfolio going forward.

³ ELL included removal costs in its Phase I Resilience Plan investment amounts proposed in December 2022, as well as in the cost estimate for the \$1.9 billion Phase I framework approved by the Commission.

XII.

ELL is requesting that the Monitoring Plan approved in Order No. U-36625 for Phase I be extended to Phase IA, subject to any modifications the Commission may order. And, consistent with the Phase I approval, the Company requests that the Commission acknowledge that ELL will be requesting FERC approval to capitalize certain conductor handling expenses that would otherwise be treated as expenses and express support or non-opposition to the contemplated FERC waiver request.

XIII.

Finally, ELL seeks timely approval of its Phase IA Resilience Plan so that the Company can perform design and engineering work for the Phase IA projects in the Fall of 2027. To that end, ELL respectfully requests that the Commission direct the Administrative Hearings Division to adopt a procedural schedule necessary to facilitate a decision no later than July 31, 2027.

SERVICE OF NOTICE AND PLEADINGS

XIV.

The Company requests that notices, correspondence, and other communications concerning this Applications be directed to the following persons:

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ELL requests that the foregoing persons be placed on the Official Service List for this proceeding and respectfully requests that the Commission permit the designation of more than one person to be placed on the Official Service List for service in this proceeding.

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

XV.

Portions of the Company's evidence supporting this Application contain information considered by the Company to be proprietary and confidential. Disclosure of certain of this information may expose the Company and its customers to an unreasonable risk of harm. Therefore, in the light of the commercially sensitive nature of such information, the Company has submitted two versions of each of the affected documents, one marked "Non-Confidential Redacted Version" and the other marked "Confidential Version." In anticipation of the execution of a suitable confidentiality agreement in this docket, the Confidential Versions bear the designation "Highly Sensitive Protected Materials" or words of similar import. Although the confidential information and documents included with this Application may be reviewed by appropriate representatives of the LPSC Staff and intervenors pursuant to the terms and conditions of a suitable confidentiality agreement once such an agreement has been executed in this Docket, this confidential information also is being provided pursuant to, and shall be exempt from public disclosure pursuant to, the Commission's General Order dated August 31, 1992 and Rule 12.1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Commission.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

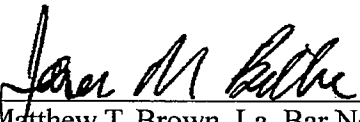
XVI.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Entergy Louisiana, LLC respectfully requests that, after due and lawful proceedings are held, its Application be granted. In particular, the Company requests that the Commission:

1. Approve the Phase IA hardening projects detailed in Exhibit CG-2 attached to the direct testimony of Company witness Chris Gremillion as prudent and in the public interest, subject to an ongoing obligation of ELL to prudently manage the Resilience Plan;
2. Authorize the Company's continued implementation of the Resilience Plan Cost Recovery Rider to recover the costs of Phase IA of the Resilience Plan;
3. Approve the Company's correction of the Resilience Plan Cost Recovery Rider to include prospectively transmission and distribution removal costs in the Resilience Plan Revenue Requirement and the use of regulatory assets to facilitate the recovery and tracking of such costs;
4. Approve the continued use of regulatory assets for the recovery of (and on, if applicable) the remaining net book value of transmission and distribution assets that are replaced through Phase IA of the Resilience Plan, at the level currently reflected in ELL's rates;
5. Approve the Company's proposal to extend the Monitoring Plan approved in Order No. U-36625 for Phase I to Phase IA, subject to any modifications the Commission may order;

6. Acknowledge that ELL will be requesting Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval to capitalize certain conductor handling expenses that would otherwise be treated as expenses, and express support or non-opposition to the contemplated FERC waiver request;
7. Publish notice of this proceeding in the Commission's Official Bulletin and establish a twenty-five (25)-day period for interventions in this proceeding;
8. Direct the Administrative Hearings Division to adopt a procedural schedule necessary to facilitate a Commission decision on this Application no later than July 31, 2027.
9. Provide for appropriate protection for any confidential information to be produced in this proceeding;
10. Direct that notice of all matters in these proceedings be sent to Lawrence J. Hand, Patrick Sullivan, Jason Bilbe, and Meta Danzey as representatives of Entergy Louisiana, LLC; and
11. Grant all other relief that the law and the nature of the case may permit or require.

Respectfully submitted,

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