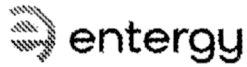


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Re: LPSC Docket No. U-37425

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dear Commissioners:

As you know, Meta Platforms, Inc. is developing a world-scale data center in Richland Parish. Developments like Meta and other recently announced projects in Louisiana are enabled by the affordable and stable electric rates that exist in Louisiana under the Commission's jurisdiction. Many economic development projects require transmission and generation investments to ensure Louisiana has adequate power to serve all customers, existing and new. Several proposed infrastructure investments are the subject of Entergy Louisiana's application in Docket No. U-37425. To demonstrate the need for these infrastructure improvements, ELL's application attached an electric service agreement regarding the Meta datacenter project, which sets forth, among other things, the power requirements for the Meta data center and required in-service dates.

In the course of Docket No. U-37425, certain parties have questioned why Meta is not a party to the LPSC proceeding and raised concern about ELL's inability to speak for Meta. First, ELL is not aware of a Commission rule or policy that requires new customers to submit to the jurisdiction of the Commission in order to become a customer of a Louisiana utility. In ELL's experience, such a requirement is unprecedented and would create a disincentive for new industry to select Louisiana as a place to make investment. Nonetheless, I have asked that Meta provide additional information regarding its datacenter project, such as the level of investment, expected jobs, and power requirements, that could be provided to you as well as all parties to

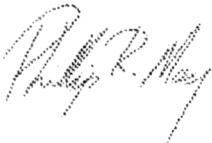
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Docket No. U-37425. To that end, attached is an April 2, 2025 letter from Meta for your consideration.

Entergy Louisiana's application in Docket No. U-37425 is being carefully reviewed by Commission Staff and several intervenors. Based on the current schedule, after testimony is filed and all discovery is complete, an administrative law judge will conduct a hearing and make a recommendation to the Commission. This schedule provides an expectation that the Commission will be able to vote on Entergy's application at the October 2025 Business and Executive Session, which supports the schedule required to attract the Meta data center to Louisiana.

My staff and I are available to answer any questions you have about the Meta project. In the interim, I want to express my thanks for the important work the Commission has done and continues to do to make Louisiana a top-choice for world scale economic development projects. Louisiana is winning like never before and when Louisiana wins, our goal is to make sure all of our customers benefit from it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip R. May". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Phillip R. May

cc: Official Service List



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LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dear Phillip,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide Entergy Louisiana, LLC (“ELL”) with additional information regarding Meta Platforms, Inc.’s (“Meta”) Richland Parish, Louisiana data center (the “Project”). Meta is developing the Project through its special purpose entity Laidley LLC (“Laidley”). Given recent intervenor activity against ELL’s Application in Docket No. U-37425 seeking approval of generation and transmission resources that are required to enable retail electric service for the Project, Meta writes this letter for the following purposes: 1) to demonstrate our support for ELL’s application (“Application”) to the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC”), 2) to emphasize how critical ELL’s ability to meet the Project’s energy timelines was in the selection of the Richland Parish, Louisiana location, and 3) to further explain the benefits of Meta’s investments and presence in Louisiana.

1. Support for ELL’s Application in LPSC Docket No. U-37425

The LPSC’s approval of the Application would represent an important next step for our Project and the state of Louisiana. The Richland Parish data center represents an investment of over \$10 billion and will support 500 operational jobs, along with 5,000 skilled trade workers on site at peak construction, and Meta is making a concerted effort to hire locally. Meta is also investing over \$200 million in local infrastructure improvements including roads and water infrastructure. Because we are working diligently to construct the Project for immediate use, it is important that ELL receives timely approval for the utility infrastructure necessary to power the data center. We could not be more appreciative with how members of the community and Louisiana’s state and local leaders have welcomed us to Richland Parish and so we are growing more and more confident that ELL will ultimately receive the necessary approvals to keep our Project on track.

However, Meta received a copy of a “Peremptory Exception and Motion” that was filed on March 5, 2025 by Susan Stevens Miller, Esq. with Earthjustice’s Washington, D.C. office as counsel in the proceeding for the Alliance for Affordable Energy and Union of Concerned Scientists (self-designated as the “NPOs”). The NPOs motion sought a declaratory order from the LPSC finding that Laidley and Meta are parties necessary for the just adjudication of ELL’s Application in Docket No. U-37425 and should be required to intervene in the proceeding or else ELL’s Application should be dismissed. Meta and its affiliates have not typically intervened and have not been required to intervene in regulatory proceedings supporting the establishment of

tariffed retail electric service to our data centers. While the level of investment required of Meta for the project related to this proceeding is substantial, there is nothing about the proceeding itself that suggests Meta or Laidley has any greater need to intervene than in other state regulatory proceedings related to the provision of tariffed electric service.

Regardless, Meta appreciates and confirms that ELL's representations in this proceeding regarding the Project's timeline, energy requirements, and economic development commitments are accurate, including Meta's commitment to continue matching 100% of our data centers' electricity use with clean and renewable energy. Meta strongly supports ELL's Application in LPSC Docket No. U-37425 and looks forward to the LPSC approving it given the substantial record evidence demonstrating that it is in the public interest.

2. The importance of ELL's ability to meet our Project's energy timeline

In order for Meta to locate our Project in Louisiana, it was critical that ELL be able to commit to providing the transmission interconnection and retail electric supply for our data center as quickly as possible. Meta sincerely appreciates how diligently ELL worked with Meta to complete the necessary contribution and service agreements and associated riders, all of which provided Meta with the energy resources needed to move forward with the Project in this Louisiana location. Had ELL not been able to commit that the utility infrastructure would be available to serve our desired load ramp, Meta would have been forced to select another location outside Louisiana for the Project. That "speed to market" capability was and remains utterly crucial in our decision to select Richland Parish.

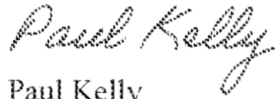
3. Additional benefits to the local community

Finally, we want to take the opportunity to highlight our commitment to invest in the Richland Parish community. While Meta works globally, we live locally and want to harness our success to help strengthen our own communities. We are committed to playing a positive role and investing in the long-term vitality of the communities in which we operate, which now includes Richland Parish. We do this by hiring locally, volunteering, and supporting local schools, nonprofits and community projects. In the U.S. as of year-end 2024, we have donated more than \$56 million in direct giving across 2,300 grants to nonprofits and schools in communities where we have data centers. Our grants support projects that address critical community needs by putting the power of technology to use for community benefit, giving people the power to build strong and sustainable communities, and improving local science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) education. More information on Meta's community impact can be found on our website.¹

We are excited to spur even greater economic development in Louisiana, continue our growth in the state, and deepen our integration into our local community, and we greatly appreciate the support of ELL and the LPSC to achieve these goals. Please feel free to share this letter with the LPSC and the Parties within the current docket proceeding. Also, please note that I am reaching out to representatives of the NPOs to speak with them directly about their above-mentioned concerns.

¹ <https://datacenters.atmeta.com/community-impact/>

Sincerely,



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Meta Platforms, Inc.

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NOTES:

Please file the following letter into the record, of docket U-37425, in accordance with the fax filing procedures of the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

A check for \$25.00 will follow via UPS and a return self-addressed envelope.

Thank you.

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