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6 **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MELISSA FREY:** Good afternoon. Today  
7 is Tuesday, August 6, 2024. I'm Administrative Law Judge Melissa Frey. We are  
8 here this afternoon for a hearing in Docket Number T-37198 - G. Edwards Services,  
9 LLC, ex parte. In re: Application for a common carrier certificate of non-hazardous  
10 oilfield waste, and non-hazardous industrial solid waste for disposal, statewide.  
11 Would the parties present please make your appearances, starting with the  
12 applicant?

13 **MR. GREGG EDWARDS:** Gregg Edwards.

14 **MRS. JENNIFER EDWARDS:** Jennifer Edwards.

15 **JUDGE FREY:** And Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, you are here representing G. Edwards  
16 Services, LLC, correct?

17 **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

18 **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

19 **JUDGE FREY:** Thank you. And for Commission Staff?

20 **MR. PAUL RACHAL:** Paul Rachal on behalf of Staff.

21 **JUDGE FREY:** Are we ready to proceed?

22 **MR. RACHAL:** Yes, Your Honor. Your Honor, Staff expects to solicit and offer  
23 evidence from the applicant's witness to facilitate the hearing. Your Honor, as

1     stated in Staff's pre-hearing statement, there are no pending proceedings before the  
2     Commission against the applicant involving complaints, citations or violations and  
3     Staff supports this application. Staff is now prepared to proceed to the taking of  
4     the testimony. Your Honor, I'd like to call Mr. Gregg Edwards to the stand.  
5     **Gregg Edwards came forth as a witness; and, after having been duly sworn,**  
6     **testified as follows:**  
7     **DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. PAUL RACHAL**  
8     **MR. RACHAL:** Good afternoon, Mr. Edwards.  
9     **MR. EDWARDS:** How are you?  
10    **MR. RACHAL:** Good. Good. For the record, what is your full name?  
11    **MR. EDWARDS:** Gregory Allen Edwards.  
12    **MR. RACHAL:** And by who are you employed?  
13    **MR. EDWARDS:** G. Edwards Services, LLC.  
14    **MR. RACHAL:** And what is the business address of G. Edwards?  
15    **MR. EDWARDS:** 158 Running E Road, Jena. [INAUDIBLE]  
16    **MR. RACHAL:** And what is your role in the company?  
17    **MR. EDWARDS:** The owner.  
18    **MR. RACHAL:** And what is your work history with the company? How long has  
19    the company been in existence?  
20    **MR. EDWARDS:** G. Edwards Services, LLC has been in business since 2020.  
21    **MR. RACHAL:** And how much experience do you have in the waste hauling  
22    industry?

1     **MR. EDWARDS:** The actual hauling of it, I guess you would say none. I haven't  
2     hailed any, but I've been dealing with it for over 25 years, probably.

3     **MR. RACHAL:** So what kind of work have you done?

4     **MR. EDWARDS:** We've done general oilfield work as a general contractor.

5     **MR. RACHAL:** And did you assist in the drafting and filing of G. Edwards  
6     application we are here for today?

7     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

8     **MR. RACHAL:** And when was the company created?

9     **MR. EDWARDS:** 2020.

10    **MR. RACHAL:** And what is the company's organizational structure? Basically,  
11    who runs it? Who -- or what is the position -- like what is your position with the  
12    company?

13    **MR. EDWARDS:** It would be myself as the owner-operator and my wife,  
14    Jennifer, as the secretary.

15    **MR. RACHAL:** And you are the owner of the company, correct?

16    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

17    **MR. RACHAL:** And what services does the company currently provide?

18    **MR. EDWARDS:** Currently, right now, we have vacuum kill trucks, which will  
19    aid in the production and drilling of oil wells.

20    **MR. RACHAL:** And where does the company provide its services and does the  
21    company operate in any other states?

22    **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir. Not any more states. We're all pretty much all in  
23    Louisiana.

1   **MR. RACHAL:** Statewide?

2   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yeah. Well, yes, sir. It's mainly in LaSalle, Catahoula,  
3   Concordia. It's where 90 percent of it is, but we have ventured out.

4   **MR. RACHAL:** And how many terminals does the company currently operate in  
5   total?

6   **MR. EDWARDS:** One.

7   **MR. RACHAL:** And where is the company's current terminal located?

8   **MR. EDWARDS:** At 158 Running E Road, Jena.

9   **MR. RACHAL:** And is this where the company's truck is dispatched from?

10   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

11   **MR. RACHAL:** And does the company own or lease its terminal?

12   **MR. EDWARDS:** Own.

13   **MR. RACHAL:** Does the company have any plans for operating from additional  
14   terminals in Louisiana?

15   **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

16   **MR. RACHAL:** And which waste disposal facilities will the company utilize in  
17   Louisiana?

18   **MR. EDWARDS:** Mostly R360 in Elm Grove or Mermentau. Just depend on  
19   which end of the parish we leave from.

20   **MR. RACHAL:** If leased, with whom does the company lease its terminals from  
21   in Louisiana? For which waste generators does the company currently work for?

22   **MR. EDWARDS:** Everyone. CTR Oil, Justiss Oil, Windham Oil, XTO, Ramrod  
23   Production.

1     **MR. RACHAL:** And how many total employees does the company have?

2     **MR. EDWARDS:** Total employees is two.

3     **MR. RACHAL:** And you're the only driver?

4     **MR. EDWARDS:** I'm the only driver.

5     **MR. RACHAL:** And does the company anticipate hiring any additional

6     employees in Louisiana if this application is granted?

7     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

8     **MR. RACHAL:** And is there anything else you'd like to say about the company

9     before we move on, Mr. Edwards?

10    **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

11    **MR. RACHAL:** Okay. Can you turn your attention to the document that's been

12    labeled Exhibit A? Are you familiar with this document?

13    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

14    **MR. RACHAL:** And did you or someone at your direction prepare and file this

15    application on behalf of the company with the Commission?

16    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

17    **MR. RACHAL:** And did an authorized representative of the company swear that

18    he or she had read the application, was familiar with its contents and attested that

19    the facts, as stated therein, were true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge?

20    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

21    **MR. RACHAL:** And this is your signature on the last page?

22    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

1   **MR. RACHAL:** And to your knowledge, is the information contained in the  
2   company's application still true and accurate as of today?

3   **MR. EDWARDS:** It is.

4   **MR. RACHAL:** And what is the applicant seeking in this application?

5   **MR. EDWARDS:** Authority to move E&P waste, hazardous non-hazardous. I  
6   mean, non-hazardous. I'm sorry. And solid industrial waste.

7   **MR. RACHAL:** And to your knowledge, was the application published in the  
8   Louisiana Public Service Commission's Official Bulletin?

9   **MR. EDWARDS:** To my knowledge, yes, sir.

10   **MR. RACHAL:** And were there any protest or interventions against the  
11   application?

12   **MR. EDWARDS:** Not that I'm aware of.

13   **MR. RACHAL:** And do you believe that the applicant satisfies all the  
14   requirements to operate the authority that may be granted under the certificate?

15   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir, I do.

16   **MR. RACHAL:** Okay. Can you please turn to Page 5?

17   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

18   **MR. RACHAL:** And can you identify this document?

19   **MR. EDWARDS:** It's my Secretary of State.

20   **MR. RACHAL:** Is there a date on the Louisiana Secretary of State certificate?

21   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir. It's September 28, 2020.

22   **MR. RACHAL:** And what is the date on the bottom left corner?

23   **MR. EDWARDS:** February 28, 2024.

1   **MR. RACHAL:** Okay. Can you please turn to Page 7? Can you identify that  
2   document, please?

3   **MR. EDWARDS:** Articles of organization.

4   **MR. RACHAL:** For G. Edwards?

5   **MR. EDWARDS:** For G. Edwards Services, LLC.

6   **MR. RACHAL:** All right. Can we go back to the Louisiana Secretary of State  
7   certificate of authority. Do you know what this certificate provides or it states?

8   **MR. EDWARDS:** That I --

9   **MR. RACHAL:** Does it state that you're certified to do business in Louisiana?

10   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

11   **MR. RACHAL:** Is that what it's saying?

12   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

13   **MR. RACHAL:** And is the company in good standing with the Louisiana  
14   Secretary of State?

15   **MR. EDWARDS:** It is. Yes, sir.

16   **MR. RACHAL:** And who is the company's registered agent for service of  
17   process?

18   **MR. EDWARDS:** Gregg Edwards.

19   **MR. RACHAL:** And who is the company's contact for the LPSC?

20   **MR. EDWARDS:** Be Gregg Edwards.

21   **MR. RACHAL:** And does the company currently hold any waste hauling  
22   authorizations from the LPSC?

23   **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.



1     **MR. RACHAL:** And to clarify, you and Mrs. Edwards are the only employees of  
2     G. Edwards Services?  
3     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir, the only ones.  
4     **MR. RACHAL:** And can you confirm the ownership of G. Edwards?  
5     **MR. EDWARDS:** Fifty-fifty.  
6     **MR. RACHAL:** Both you and your wife?  
7     **MR. EDWARDS:** Me and Jennifer. Yes, sir, right.  
8     **MR. RACHAL:** Can you turn to Page 12 of the application?  
9     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.  
10    **MR. RACHAL:** Can you identify this document?  
11    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir. List of equipment available.  
12    **MR. RACHAL:** And approximately how many trucks, including make and model,  
13    does the applicant use?  
14    **MR. EDWARDS:** Three.  
15    **MR. RACHAL:** What kind of general trucks does the applicant -- what kind of  
16    trucks are these?  
17    **MR. EDWARDS:** We've got -- the Western Star is a bobtail kill unit, the Mack  
18    is a winch tractor, the Freightliner is a highway tractor.  
19    **MR. RACHAL:** And all the rest of these are trailers?  
20    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir. Everything else is a trailer.  
21    **MR. RACHAL:** And are the years, makes, models and vehicle identification  
22    numbers and descriptions of the applicant's trucks listed in the application complete  
23    and correct?

1     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

2     **MR. RACHAL:** Does the company currently own or lease these trucks and  
3     trailers?

4     **MR. EDWARDS:** Own.

5     **MR. RACHAL:** Are there any encumbrances on any of the trucks or trailers?

6     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

7     **MR. RACHAL:** Does the applicant plan to utilize owner-operators under lease?

8     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

9     **MR. RACHAL:** If your operations change and you decide to utilize owner-  
10    operators, do you understand that the future leases must be filed with the LPSC?

11    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

12    **MR. RACHAL:** And can you describe the maintenance schedule for the  
13    company's equipment?

14    **MR. EDWARDS:** Every month, all the trucks and trailers are pulled in the shop,  
15    and went over, and looked, and any problems is corrected.

16    **MR. RACHAL:** And is there a post-trip and a pre-trip?

17    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

18    **MR. RACHAL:** And who performs the maintenance on the vehicles?

19    **MR. EDWARDS:** I do.

20    **MR. RACHAL:** You do all the maintenance, all of it?

21    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir. Every bit of it. I'm the only driver, do all the  
22    maintenance.

23    **MR. RACHAL:** So there's no third party?

1     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

2     **MR. RACHAL:** And how does the company document equipment maintenance?

3     **MR. EDWARDS:** Just in a --

4     **MR. RACHAL:** Is it kept in a log?

5     **MR. EDWARDS:** We keep a little log. Yes, sir.

6     **MR. RACHAL:** And are the vehicles and equipment in good working order?

7     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

8     **MR. RACHAL:** And do the company's trucks have a functioning global

9     positioning system, or GPS?

10    **MR. EDWARDS:** No. No, sir. No, sir.

11    **MR. RACHAL:** Does the company plan to install any GPSs in its trucks in the

12    future?

13    **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

14    **MR. RACHAL:** Would the company install them if required to?

15    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

16    **MR. RACHAL:** And does the company have any working cameras, like camera

17    in the front facing or facing the driver of the trucks?

18    **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

19    **MR. RACHAL:** Does the company plan to install cameras in the truck in the

20    future?

21    **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

22    **MR. RACHAL:** Would the company install them if required to?

23    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

1     **MR. RACHAL:** And are the company's trucks governed to a certain speed?

2     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

3     **MR. RACHAL:** Do you believe G. Edwards satisfies all the requirements to

4     operate the authority that may be granted under a certificate from the Louisiana

5     Public Service Commission?

6     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir, I do.

7     **MR. RACHAL:** Is there anything else you wish to testify to regarding G. Edwards

8     waste hauling application?

9     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

10    **MR. RACHAL:** Do you wish to offer, file, and introduce into evidence what has

11    previously been marked as Exhibit A, the applicant's public application, in globo?

12    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

13    **JUDGE FREY:** Applicant's Exhibit A, its waste by motor vehicle application

14    filed May 14, 2024, with public attachments, is admitted, in globo.

15    **MR. RACHAL:** Thank you, Your Honor. Mr. Edwards, can you turn to Page 13

16    in Exhibit A? Right after your equipment list.

17    **MR. EDWARDS:** Okay, sir.

18    **MR. RACHAL:** You there?

19    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

20    **MR. RACHAL:** Okay. Can you identify this document?

21    **MR. EDWARDS:** Certificate of liability insurance.

22    **MR. RACHAL:** And what does this document show?

1   **MR. EDWARDS:** It shows all the liability insurance, the auto liability and  
2   workman's comp that G. Edwards Services has.

3   **MR. RACHAL:** And does this insurance cover all the applicant's equipment and  
4   drivers?

5   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

6   **MR. RACHAL:** And can you tell us what the limits are on the policies?

7   **MR. EDWARDS:** One million each occurrence, 1 million damage to rented  
8   premises, 5,000 medical expense, 2 million general aggregate. I'm sorry, I skipped  
9   one. One million personal and injury, 2 million general aggregate, 1 million  
10   products and 1 million combined single limit. One million each accident, 1 million  
11   each employee, 1 million policy limit.

12   **MR. RACHAL:** And according to this document, when was the company's  
13   insurance policy last renewed?

14   **MR. EDWARDS:** It was renewed on 12/30/23. Yeah.

15   **MR. RACHAL:** And for the automobile liability as well? What's the date on that  
16   one?

17   **MR. EDWARDS:** The automobile liability was 3/1/24 and workman's comp was  
18   7/1/24.

19   **MR. RACHAL:** And when will the company's insurance policies next expire?

20   **MR. EDWARDS:** One year.

21   **MR. RACHAL:** So December 30, 2024 for the general liability?

22   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

23   **MR. RACHAL:** September 1<sup>st</sup> for automobile liability?

1    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir. The workman's comp has been renewed.

2    **MR. RACHAL:** And will the company renew its insurance policies before the  
3    next expiration date and before every subsequent expiration date?

4    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

5    **MR. RACHAL:** All right. Mr. Edwards, can you turn to Page 15 in Exhibit A?

6    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

7    **MR. RACHAL:** Can you identify this document?

8    **MR. EDWARDS:** It is just the additional remarks schedule of the ACORD  
9    certificate.

10   **MR. RACHAL:** Go to the next page. I'm sorry.

11   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir. It's a driver preparedness and safety manual.

12   **MR. RACHAL:** And do you follow these procedures in your day-to-day  
13   operations?

14   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

15   **MR. RACHAL:** If your operations change and you decide to hire additional  
16   drivers, how would you describe the company's hiring process you would intend to  
17   use? Would the company require a certain number of years of experience in  
18   commercial driving or waste hauling?

19   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir. It would have to have at least two years driving  
20   experience.

21   **MR. RACHAL:** And would the company conduct driver training for less  
22   experienced drivers, for example, a ride along program?

1     **MR. EDWARDS:** Probably not because we don't really, you know, for insurance  
2     purposes wouldn't want just to ride along.

3     **MR. RACHAL:** And will the company require a commercial driver's license?

4     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

5     **MR. RACHAL:** And would the company -- would the company conduct a  
6     criminal background check on every new employee?

7     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

8     **MR. RACHAL:** And would the company check and verify every new driver's  
9     motor vehicle record?

10    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

11    **MR. RACHAL:** And does the company have a health and safety manual or a  
12    company's operation policy manual?

13    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

14    **MR. RACHAL:** Does the company have any transportation specific safety  
15    programs for the transportation of LPSC regulated waste?

16    **MR. EDWARDS:** Repeat that, please?

17    **MR. RACHAL:** Does the company have any transportation specific safety  
18    programs for the transportation of LPSC regulated waste?

19    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

20    **MR. RACHAL:** We'll get into that in more detail on another exhibit.

21    **MR. EDWARDS:** Okay.

1   **MR. RACHAL:** Would the health and safety -- if you had a health and safety  
2   manual, would it be issued or readily available to all the company's drivers and  
3   operators?  
4   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.  
5   **MR. RACHAL:** Would the company's drivers and operators be required to read  
6   and review the health and safety manual and the waste transportation policies?  
7   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.  
8   **MR. RACHAL:** Would the company enforce all the provisions of its health and  
9   safety manual and the waste transportation policies?  
10   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.  
11   **MR. RACHAL:** And would the company adopt other health and safety  
12   documents, if needed, in other circumstances?  
13   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.  
14   **MR. RACHAL:** And does the company have any unresolved insurance claims?  
15   **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.  
16   **MR. RACHAL:** If so -- if you did, does the company have sufficient assets to  
17   satisfy any adverse judgement that may be rendered against it in those proceedings?  
18   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.  
19   **MR. RACHAL:** Has the company ever been asked to leave a job site?  
20   **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.  
21   **MR. RACHAL:** Have you had any complaints from customers about your  
22   operations?  
23   **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.



1     **MR. RACHAL:** Have you had any complaints from the general public about your  
2     driving?

3     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

4     **MR. RACHAL:** And you mentioned you don't operate in any other states?

5     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

6     **MR. RACHAL:** Has the applicant had any federal regulatory violations?

7     **MR. EDWARDS:** I have not. No, sir.

8     **MR. RACHAL:** So for these next couple of questions, I'm just going to ask you;  
9     if you decided to hire more employees, would you have safety meetings?

10    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

11    **MR. RACHAL:** And what kind of safety meetings would you have? Would you  
12    have tailgate meetings, or job site -- job specific analysis meetings, or daily?

13    **MR. EDWARDS:** Probably a tailgate.

14    **MR. RACHAL:** And where would these meetings be held?

15    **MR. EDWARDS:** Probably at the job site.

16    **MR. RACHAL:** And what kind of topics would be discussed at these meetings?

17    **MR. EDWARDS:** Proper handling of the waste and safety.

18    **MR. RACHAL:** And would the company's employees, drivers and operators be  
19    required to attend the company's safety meetings?

20    **MR. EDWARDS:** Absolutely. Yes, sir.

21    **MR. RACHAL:** And would the company's safety meetings be documented?

22    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

23    **MR. RACHAL:** And, I mean, would you keep it in a log or a file?

1     **MR. EDWARDS:** Just file it. Yes, sir.

2     **MR. RACHAL:** And does the applicant have a drug and alcohol policy?

3     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

4     **MR. RACHAL:** Are you subject to drug screening by the USDOT?

5     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

6     **MR. RACHAL:** And if you were to hire new employees, would you require a

7     drug testing before or upon hiring an employee?

8     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

9     **MR. RACHAL:** Would you do a random drug test?

10    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

11    **MR. RACHAL:** Or after an incident?

12    **MR. EDWARDS:** Both.

13    **MR. RACHAL:** On suspicion as well?

14    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

15    **MR. RACHAL:** And does the company have a cell phone policy?

16    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

17    **MR. RACHAL:** Can you describe it?

18    **MR. EDWARDS:** No talking on the cell phone unless you're on Bluetooth and

19    need to be in a safe parked position before you do any calling.

20    **MR. RACHAL:** And do you abide by this policy?

21    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

22    **MR. RACHAL:** And if the company grows, would the company employ a full-

23    time safety manager to oversee the safety of the company?

1     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

2     **MR. RACHAL:** Is the company a member of any safety networks?

3     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

4     **MR. RACHAL:** Would the company join if asked --

5     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

6     **MR. RACHAL:** -- to join the safety --

7     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

8     **MR. RACHAL:** Sorry, Your Honor. Is there anything further that you would like

9     the court to know about the safety aspect of G. Edwards?

10    **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

11    **MR. RACHAL:** And do you believe the company has in place, or is capable of

12    establishing, a safety program necessary for the safe and efficient transportation of

13    waste for disposal?

14    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir, I do.

15    **MR. RACHAL:** Mr. Edwards, can you turn your attention to what has been

16    labeled as Exhibit C?

17    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

18    **MR. RACHAL:** Are you familiar with these documents?

19    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

20    **MR. RACHAL:** I understand that there were financial attachments to these

21    responses, correct?

22    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

1     **MR. RACHAL:** And these attachments are what were admitted as part of -- or  
2     will be admitted as part of Exhibit B, correct?

3     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

4     **MR. RACHAL:** And did you or an authorized representative of the company  
5     submit these responses to Staff?

6     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

7     **MR. RACHAL:** And if we asked you the same questions on today, would the  
8     answers change?

9     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

10    **MR. RACHAL:** Okay. Do you wish to file, offer and introduce into the record,  
11    Staff's first set of data requests to G. Edwards and your responses thereto as Exhibit  
12    C, in globo?

13    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

14    **JUDGE FREY:** Mr. Edwards, is there anything in here that you might deem  
15    confidential? Is there anything in these responses like financial information or  
16    anything like that?

17    **MR. EDWARDS:** No, ma'am.

18    **JUDGE FREY:** Okay. Applicant's Exhibit C, LPSC Staff's first set of data  
19    request to G. Edwards Services, LLC and G. Edward Services' responses thereto,  
20    is admitted.

21    **MR. RACHAL:** Thank you, Your Honor. Mr. Edwards, can you turn your  
22    attention to what has been labeled as Exhibit D?

23    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

1     **MR. RACHAL:** Are you familiar with these documents?

2     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

3     **MR. RACHAL:** And what are these documents?

4     **MR. EDWARDS:** It's data request.

5     **MR. RACHAL:** And are there any attachments to these responses?

6     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

7     **MR. RACHAL:** I think there's something --

8     **MR. EDWARDS:** I'm sorry, yes. Yes, it is.

9     **MR. RACHAL:** And did you, or an authorized representative of the company,  
10    submit these responses to Staff?

11    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

12    **MR. RACHAL:** Can you identify that attachment? That's to the --

13    **MR. EDWARDS:** It's a safety manual for transportation of non-hazardous oilfield  
14    and industrial waste.

15    **MR. RACHAL:** And if we ask you the same questions on today, would the  
16    answers change?

17    **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

18    **MR. RACHAL:** And do you intend to follow these policies if the certificate is  
19    granted in this application?

20    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

21    **MR. RACHAL:** And do you wish to file, offer and introduce into the record,  
22    Staff's second set of data requests to G. Edwards and your responses thereto as  
23    Exhibit D, in globo?

1     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

2     **JUDGE FREY:** Again, Mr. Edwards, is there anything in here that the company  
3     would deem confidential?

4     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, ma'am.

5     **JUDGE FREY:** Applicant's Exhibit D, LPSC Staff's second set of data request to  
6     G. Edwards Services, LLC and G. Edwards Services' responses and attachments  
7     thereto, is admitted as Applicant's Exhibit D, in globo.

8     **MR. RACHAL:** Thank you, Your Honor. Can you turn to the document marked  
9     as Exhibit E?

10    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

11    **MR. RACHAL:** And can you identify this document?

12    **MR. EDWARDS:** G. Edwards Services, LLC safety manual for transportation of  
13    non-hazardous oilfield waste and industrial waste.

14    **MR. RACHAL:** And what does this document show?

15    **MR. EDWARDS:** How to safely transport it, the waste and response plans.

16    **MR. RACHAL:** And can you go through the table of contents on the second page?

17    **MR. EDWARDS:** Introduction, safety policies and procedures, PPE, vehicle  
18    inspection and maintenance, loading and unloading procedures, emergency  
19    response plan, fire safety, incident reporting and investigation, driver training and  
20    qualifications, drug and alcohol policy, cell phone usage, compliance with  
21    regulations, conclusion.

22    **MR. RACHAL:** And does the company plan to abide by these safety measures?

23    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

1    **MR. RACHAL:** Do you wish to offer, and file, and introduce into the record,  
2    Exhibit E?

3    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

4    **JUDGE FREY:** Applicant's Exhibit E, G. Edwards Services, LLC safety manual  
5    for transportation of non-hazardous oilfield and industrial waste, is admitted.

6    **MR. RACHAL:** Thank you, Your Honor. Mr. Edwards, if this application is  
7    granted, does the applicant intend to comply with all the rules and regulations of  
8    the LPSC?

9    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

10   **MR. RACHAL:** Is the applicant aware of the LPSC's requirement to maintain  
11   insurance on file all times with the Commission by filing a Form E?

12   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

13   **MR. RACHAL:** Is the applicant aware that the applicant must still file a Form E  
14   with the Commission if it obtains another underwriter for its insurance policies?

15   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

16   **MR. RACHAL:** Is the applicant aware of the Louisiana Public Service  
17   Commission's requirement to seek and obtain prior approval to sell, transfer, lease,  
18   merge or encumber a certificate?

19   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

20   **MR. RACHAL:** Is the applicant aware of the LPSC's requirement that the  
21   company must apply for and receive prior approval before any changes to the direct  
22   or indirect ownership of the company or any changes or transfers of shares of stock  
23   interest can take effect?

1     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

2     **MR. RACHAL:** Is that applicant aware of the LPSC's requirement to keep all  
3     contact information up to date?

4     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

5     **MR. RACHAL:** Is the applicant aware of the LPSC's requirement to renew and  
6     register vehicles every year?

7     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

8     **MR. RACHAL:** Is the applicant aware of the LPSC's requirements to file annual  
9     reports?

10    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

11    **MR. RACHAL:** And can you confirm that the applicant's reporting year is a  
12    calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>?

13    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

14    **MR. RACHAL:** Is the applicant aware that the applicant is required to file  
15    inspection and supervision fee reports with the Louisiana Department of Revenue?

16    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

17    **MR. RACHAL:** Is the applicant aware that the applicant is required to pay  
18    inspection and supervision fees, based on jurisdictional revenue, to the Louisiana  
19    Department of Revenue?

20    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

21    **MR. RACHAL:** And who will be the applicant's point of contact for the LPSC?

22    **MR. EDWARDS:** Myself, Gregg Edwards.

23    **MR. RACHAL:** Is there anything you wish to add to your testimony today?



1     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

2     **MR. RACHAL:** Is there anything that you wish to correct to your testimony  
3     today?

4     **MR. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

5     **MR. RACHAL:** Does the company intend to submit a saltwater application?

6     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

7     **MR. RACHAL:** That's all the questions I have, Your Honor.

8     **JUDGE FREY:** Thank you. Mr. Edwards, I just have a few clarifying questions,  
9     and if I repeat something that Mr. Rachal asked you, and you answered, I apologize.  
10    Also, I'm going to ask you questions, recalling from my memory, of what I heard.  
11    If in the way I phrase the question to you, what I say is not correct, correct me. I  
12    want to get that correct information in the record. So you have been the owner --  
13    50 percent owner of the applicant since its formation; is that correct?

14    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am. That is correct.

15    **JUDGE FREY:** I know Mr. Rachal asked you about this, but could you just  
16    explain a little bit to me about what you're doing now, the services you're providing  
17    now, and why y'all are seeking the additional authority?

18    **MR. EDWARDS:** The services we have right now is well stimulation, hauling of  
19    freshwater for drilling and general maintenance on production. And I have had  
20    several local companies that I work for, has had a problem in the past of getting  
21    trucks to haul waste. They don't generate very much waste, but when they do, they  
22    have to wait. That creates other problems of having to store it. And I'm trying to  
23    get that just to open up another avenue for myself.

1     **JUDGE FREY:** Thank you. Do you have what was admitted as Applicant's  
2     Exhibit A, your application and the attachments that were submitted?

3     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

4     **JUDGE FREY:** I want to ask you a few questions about some things in here to  
5     clarify. On the equipment list, you mentioned one of the trucks, something like  
6     keel; is that K-E-E-L?

7     **MR. EDWARDS:** K-I-L-L.

8     **JUDGE FREY:** Thank you. And what is that?

9     **MR. EDWARDS:** That is a high-pressure pump where I can pump fluid down  
10    hole on a production well under high pressure.

11    **JUDGE FREY:** Is that a brand name?

12    **MR. EDWARDS:** No, ma'am. No, ma'am. That's the action of it. It's just a high-  
13    pressure, triplex pump.

14    **JUDGE FREY:** Thank you.

15    **MR. EDWARDS:** That's mounted on a bobtail tank truck -- a vacuum truck.

16    **JUDGE FREY:** Mr. Rachal asked you some questions about the ACORD  
17    certificate of liability insurance that's in this packet. Can you turn to that?

18    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

19    **JUDGE FREY:** So it lists the name of the insured as G, no period, Edwards  
20    Services, no comma, LLC. Is that spelling on the ACORD, you know, slightly  
21    different than the legal spelling of your name, as registered with the Secretary of  
22    State?

23    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

1     **JUDGE FREY:** If there is a requirement that insurance documentation on file with  
2     the Commission, the name on insurance documentation filed with the Commission,  
3     match the spelling of your legal name, will you ensure that insurance  
4     documentation submitted to the Commission contains the correct spelling of the  
5     applicant's legal name?

6     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am. Absolutely.

7     **JUDGE FREY:** And also with regard to the workers' compensation policy, this  
8     ACORD is dated February 29, 2024; is that correct?

9     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

10    **JUDGE FREY:** And it shows that the workers' comp policy was effective from  
11    July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024 on this printout; is that correct?

12    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

13    **JUDGE FREY:** And you testified that that workers' comp policy has been  
14    renewed?

15    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am, it has.

16    **JUDGE FREY:** And was it renewed prior to or on July 1, 2024?

17    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

18    **JUDGE FREY:** And you would be able to submit proof of that current policy if  
19    requested by the Commission Staff?

20    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

21    **JUDGE FREY:** So there is a document, it's the last three pages of Exhibit A, and  
22    I believe Mr. Rachal asked you about a safety manual. Is this one of the safety  
23    documents that the applicant has?

1     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

2     **JUDGE FREY:** These three pages would be the driver preparedness/safety  
3     manual?

4     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

5     **JUDGE FREY:** And you follow this safety manual as part of your safety  
6     protocols?

7     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes.

8     **JUDGE FREY:** And then you've also -- so Exhibit D, do you have that in front  
9     of you, Mr. Edwards? It's the Staff's second set of data request.

10    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

11    **JUDGE FREY:** Okay. And this was the second set of data requests that Staff sent  
12    to you, and the responses you sent back to them; is that correct?

13    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

14    **JUDGE FREY:** And attached to those responses, there's a document titled Safety  
15    Protocol for Transportation of Non-Hazardous Waste; is that correct?

16    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

17    **JUDGE FREY:** So that's an additional safety document that the applicant has that  
18    it will employ?

19    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

20    **JUDGE FREY:** And then Applicant's Exhibit E, do you have that in front of you?

21    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

22    **JUDGE FREY:** And that's the safety manual for transportation of non-hazardous  
23    oilfield and industrial waste; is that correct?

1    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

2    **JUDGE FREY:** And did you, or someone on your behalf, develop this additional  
3    safety document?

4    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

5    **JUDGE FREY:** And the applicant will use this if the certificate is granted for  
6    transportation of waste?

7    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am. Correct.

8    **JUDGE FREY:** Do you undergo any drug and alcohol testing as the driver for G.  
9    Edwards?

10   **MR. EDWARDS:** Only on -- whenever I renew my license and get my medical.

11   **JUDGE FREY:** Okay. So there's some entity that requires you to do this  
12   periodically?

13   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

14   **JUDGE FREY:** Mr. Rachal asked you about if you were to hire additional  
15   employees, the process you might go through in screening those additional  
16   employees. And you indicated that you would perform a background check and a  
17   motor vehicle check. By background check, do you mean criminal or what do you  
18   mean?

19   **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am. Basically, criminal.

20   **JUDGE FREY:** In addition to the motor vehicle record?

21   **MR. EDWARDS:** Correct.

1     **JUDGE FREY:** Does the applicant currently have or is it willing to acquire all  
2     necessary permits, finances, equipment and personnel to transport waste in a safe,  
3     efficient and LPSC compliant manner?

4     **MR. EDWARDS:** I will.

5     **JUDGE FREY:** Double check to make sure I don't have anything else. Mr.  
6     Rachal questioned you about a number of LPSC policies and requirements, like  
7     paying inspection and supervision fees and maintaining insurance on file. Do you  
8     recall that line of questioning from Mr. Rachal?

9     **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

10    **JUDGE FREY:** Does the applicant intend to comply with all of the Commission's  
11    rules and regulations?

12    **MR. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am, I do.

13    **JUDGE FREY:** That's all the questions I have. Do you have anything you wish  
14    to ask and follow up -- I mean, anything you wish to say and follow up to the  
15    questions I've asked you?

16    **MR. EDWARDS:** No, ma'am.

17    **JUDGE FREY:** All right. Do you have any follow up, Mr. Rachal?

18    **MR. RACHAL:** No, Your Honor.

19    **JUDGE FREY:** All right. Thank you. You may step down, Mr. Edwards.

20    **MR. EDWARDS:** Thank you.

21    **MR. RACHAL:** Your Honor, Staff would like to call Mrs. Jennifer Edwards to  
22    the stand.

1     **Jennifer Edwards came forth as a witness; and, after having been duly sworn,**  
2     **testified as follows:**

3     **DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. PAUL RACHAL**

4     **MR. RACHAL:** Good afternoon, Mrs. Edwards.

5     **MRS. EDWARDS:** Hello.

6     **MR. RACHAL:** For the record, what is your full name?

7     **MRS. EDWARDS:** Jennifer Paul Edwards.

8     **MR. RACHAL:** And by whom are you employed?

9     **MRS. EDWARDS:** I collect a check from Layne Washington, DDS, but I'm the  
10    spouse and bookkeeper of G. Edwards Services, LLC.

11    **MR. RACHAL:** And what is your employer's business address, for G. Edwards?

12    **MRS. EDWARDS:** 158 Running E Road, Jena, Louisiana.

13    **MR. RACHAL:** And what is your role in the company?

14    **MRS. EDWARDS:** I do all the bookkeeping, invoicing, accounts payable and  
15    receivable.

16    **MR. RACHAL:** And how long have you been doing that for the company?

17    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Twenty-five years.

18    **MR. RACHAL:** And how much experience do you have in the field of  
19    bookkeeping and keeping up with the financials?

20    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Twenty-five years at home and 21 years in a dental office.

21    **MR. RACHAL:** And did you assist in the drafting and filing of the G. Edwards  
22    application we are here for today?

23    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

1     **MR. RACHAL:** Mrs. Edwards, do you request that all numerical and quantitative  
2     figures regarding the company's financials be redacted from the public version of  
3     the transcript of this hearing?

4     **MRS. EDWARDS:** I do.

5     **MR. RACHAL:** Can you give a brief overview of the company's current financial  
6     picture?

7     **MRS. EDWARDS:** We spend a whole lot of money on insurance and we work  
8     really hard every month. And all our bills are paid and we don't owe anything other  
9     than the immediate bills, you know.

10    **MR. RACHAL:** And how is the company financed?

11    **MRS. EDWARDS:** We're not, we're self-pay. No investors, just hard work.

12    **MR. RACHAL:** And did the company prepare audits of the company's financial  
13    statements?

14    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Along with the CPA.

15    **MR. RACHAL:** And who is the CPA?

16    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Donald Simmons.

17    **MR. RACHAL:** Mrs. Edwards, can you turn your attention to the document that's  
18    been labeled Exhibit B?

19    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

20    **MR. RACHAL:** Can you identify this document?

21    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

22    **MR. RACHAL:** What is this document?

23    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Financial statement for the years of '22 and '23.



1     **MR. RACHAL:** Can you turn to the second page in that document? What were  
2     the total assets of G. Edwards in 2022?

3     **MRS. EDWARDS:** [REDACTED]. I'm sorry, my page says '23.

4     **MR. RACHAL:** Yeah, we'll do 2023 first then we'll go to -- I'm sorry. What  
5     were the total assets in 2023?

6     **MRS. EDWARDS:** [REDACTED].

7     **MR. RACHAL:** And what was the total liability -- or I'm sorry, equity?

8     **MRS. EDWARDS:** [REDACTED].

9     **MR. RACHAL:** Can you turn to the next page? Can you identify this document?

10    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Profit and loss statement for '23.

11    **MR. RACHAL:** What was the 2023 revenue?

12    **MRS. EDWARDS:** [REDACTED].

13    **MR. RACHAL:** That's after expenses?

14    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes.

15    **MR. RACHAL:** And can you turn to the next page? And what were the total  
16    assets of this year? What year is this?

17    **MRS. EDWARDS:** '22.

18    **MR. RACHAL:** And what were the total assets of 2022?

19    **MRS. EDWARDS:** [REDACTED].

20    **MR. RACHAL:** And can you turn to the next page? And what is this document?

21    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Profit and loss for '22.

22    **MR. RACHAL:** And what's the number for 2022?

23    **MRS. EDWARDS:** The revenue is [REDACTED].

1     **MR. RACHAL:** And how is the company doing -- I'm sorry. How is the company  
2     doing in 2024, so far?

3     **MRS. EDWARDS:** About the same as years gone by.

4     **MR. RACHAL:** And what's the last page of Exhibit B?

5     **MRS. EDWARDS:** The profit and loss statement from January to May of '24.

6     **MR. RACHAL:** And what's the number for that?

7     **MRS. EDWARDS:** [REDACTED].

8     **MR. RACHAL:** Can you go back to the front of Exhibit B?

9     **MRS. EDWARDS:** Uh-huh.

10    **MR. RACHAL:** Can you explain the discrepancy of the year on the front page?  
11    In the first column, you know what that year -- is it supposed to be a different year?

12    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes. 2032 and it should say 2023.

13    **MR. RACHAL:** Okay. Just wanted to clear that up.

14    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Very sorry.

15    **MR. RACHAL:** Okay. On that page also, what is that year -- the year 2023, what  
16    are the numbers below that? What does that represent?

17    **MRS. EDWARDS:** The cash, assets, mortgages, earnings, gross profit, total  
18    liabilities.

19    **MR. RACHAL:** And it's the same for the next column as well, for the year 2022?

20    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

21    **MR. RACHAL:** Okay. Are the company's financial statements audited at all?

22    **MRS. EDWARDS:** No, sir. Our CPA does our tax return and our quarterly tax  
23    statement.

1     **MR. RACHAL:** And just for the record again, what was the name of the CPA?

2     **MRS. EDWARDS:** Donald Simmons.

3     **MR. RACHAL:** And do you wish to offer, file, and introduce into evidence, under

4     seal, pursuant to Rule 12.1 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedures,

5     what has been previously marked as Exhibit B, Applicant's financial statements for

6     the years 2022, 2023 and part of 2024, in globo?

7     **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

8     **JUDGE FREY:** Applicant's Exhibit B, G. Edwards Services, LLC financial

9     statements for years 2022, 2023, including a summary page; a balance sheet for

10    2023; a profit and loss statement for 2023; a balance sheet for 2022; a profit and

11    loss statement for 2022; and a profit and loss statement for January through May of

12    2024, is admitted, under seal, in globo. And I will note for the record that the

13    numbers and figures that Mrs. Edwards provided in her testimony will be held

14    confidential and stricken from the public transcript.

15    **MR. RACHAL:** Thank you, Your Honor. Do you and Mr. Edwards draw a

16    paycheck from the company?

17    **MRS. EDWARDS:** We do.

18    **MR. RACHAL:** And can you please describe the company's income sources?

19    **MRS. EDWARDS:** The contractor -- I'm sorry. The production companies that

20    he works for, it's 10, 12, 15 companies in about 5-parish radius.

21    **MR. RACHAL:** And if this application is granted, how will it affect the

22    applicant's financial condition?

23    **MRS. EDWARDS:** It should offer new business opportunities.

1     **MR. RACHAL:** And does the company anticipate that its net revenue or profit  
2     will increase if the LPSC grants this application?

3     **MRS. EDWARDS:** It should.

4     **MR. RACHAL:** Are you both able and willing to obtain and put capital into the  
5     company, if needed?

6     **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes.

7     **MR. RACHAL:** Are there any financial factors that would limit the applicant from  
8     providing safe and efficient transportation of waste?

9     **MRS. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

10    **MR. RACHAL:** Has the applicant ever filed for bankruptcy?

11    **MRS. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

12    **MR. RACHAL:** Is the applicant current on filing of all of its state and federal tax  
13    returns?

14    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

15    **MR. RACHAL:** Has the applicant been subject to any IRS service audits?

16    **MRS. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

17    **MR. RACHAL:** Has the applicant been subject to any state tax audits?

18    **MRS. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

19    **MR. RACHAL:** Does the company have a close or long-standing relationship  
20    with a bank or financial institution?

21    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

22    **MR. RACHAL:** Can you tell us the bank?

1   **MRS. EDWARDS:** We bank with Homeland Federal Savings in Jena. Our bank  
2   president is John McIlwain.

3   **MR. RACHAL:** And what type of business has the company transacted with this  
4   financial institution?

5   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Just buy new equipment, new trucks, new trailers. That type  
6   of thing.

7   **MR. RACHAL:** And are there any financial restrictions that would prohibit the  
8   company from undertaking any work?

9   **MRS. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

10   **MR. RACHAL:** And all the company trucks are free and clear of any and all  
11   encumbrances?

12   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

13   **MR. RACHAL:** If financing for company trucks were necessary, would the  
14   company have any issues making timely payments under those financial  
15   arrangements?

16   **MRS. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

17   **MR. RACHAL:** And do you believe the company has the financial ability to  
18   provide the transportation of waste for disposal in a safe and efficient manner?

19   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

20   **MR. RACHAL:** Does the applicant have all the necessary authorizations, permits  
21   and licenses from state and federal agencies in order to exercise its authority to  
22   transport and dispose of the types of waste requested?

23   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

1   **MR. RACHAL:** Does the applicant have a valid United States Department of  
2   Transportation number or motor carrier number?  
3   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.  
4   **MR. RACHAL:** Do you know the motor carrier number?  
5   **MRS. EDWARDS:** 974666.  
6   **MR. RACHAL:** Does the applicant intend to transport hazardous waste, which  
7   would require an Environmental Protection Agency identification number?  
8   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Currently, no.  
9   **MR. RACHAL:** Do you plan to --  
10   **MRS. EDWARDS:** I'll fill out the paperwork if Gregg decides.  
11   **MR. RACHAL:** Do you understand that at a later date, if you wish to transport  
12   hazardous waste, you will need to apply for a hazardous waste authority from the  
13   LPSC and apply for the EPA number?  
14   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.  
15   **MR. RACHAL:** And does the applicant have valid permits from the Louisiana  
16   Department of Environmental Quality for the transportation of non-hazardous  
17   industrial solid waste?  
18   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.  
19   **MR. RACHAL:** Can you take a look at the document that's been marked as  
20   Exhibit F?  
21   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.  
22   **MR. RACHAL:** Can you tell us what this document is?  
23   **MRS. EDWARDS:** It's the newly acquired transporter ID through the DEQ.

1   **MR. RACHAL:** And what does this document state?

2   **MRS. EDWARDS:** It just says that it's legal for us to transport waste. And I'm  
3   under the impression if you show up at a facility, you have to have an ID.

4   **MR. RACHAL:** And can you give us the transporter ID number that's on this  
5   document?

6   **MRS. EDWARDS:** T-059-14817.

7   **MR. RACHAL:** Do you wish to file, offer and introduce into the record Exhibit  
8   F --

9   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

10   **MR. RACHAL:** -- into the record?

11   **JUDGE FREY:** Applicant's Exhibit F, correspondence from the State of  
12   Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services  
13   regarding transporter number for G. Edwards Services, LLC, is admitted.

14   **MR. RACHAL:** Thank you, Your Honor. Does the company intend to apply for  
15   authority to transport saltwater for disposal as identified as 01 Waste on the UIC-  
16   28?

17   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

18   **MR. RACHAL:** And does the company hold any additional authorizations,  
19   permits, or licenses?

20   **MRS. EDWARDS:** No, sir.

21   **MR. RACHAL:** Do you believe that G. Edwards satisfies all the requirements to  
22   operate the authority that may be granted under a certificate from the LPSC?

23   **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, sir.

1     **MR. RACHAL:** That's all the questions I have, Your Honor.

2     **JUDGE FREY:** Thank you. Mrs. Edwards, I just have a few clarifying questions.

3     Just with regard to the background of the company, you mentioned you've been

4     doing it for 25 years. G. Edwards Services, LLC was founded, I think in 2020; is

5     that correct? So tell me a little bit about the history in the 25 years.

6     **MRS. EDWARDS:** Gregg originally started out as a DBA, as Edwards Pumping

7     and Testing Service, and he only had the kill unit truck. And then the opportunity

8     came along in 2005, maybe, to add haul truck and trailer, to haul aggregate and that

9     type of thing. So then we changed the business to G. Edwards Oilfield Services,

10    also a DBA. And then in 2020, we swapped it to an LLC for the simple fact that,

11    as a DBA, we don't fall under -- we have private health insurance, we don't fall

12    under the small business insurance, but as an LLC, we do fall under small business.

13    So it saved us \$1,200 a month on our health insurance, so it's kind of worth it.

14    **JUDGE FREY:** And when you say DBA, you just mean as a sole proprietor?

15    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

16    **JUDGE FREY:** And so, Mr. Edwards, or you and/or Mr. Edwards, have a 25-year

17    history of transportation industry, operating as a sole proprietor, and now, for the

18    last several years, as an LLC?

19    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

20    **JUDGE FREY:** Generally, with regard to the company's finances, just to clarify

21    for the record, is it your testimony that the applicant is financially stable?

22    **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.



1     **JUDGE FREY:** And that it has the financial wherewithal to operate the authority,  
2     if granted, in a safe and efficient manner?

3     **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

4     **JUDGE FREY:** Mr. Rachal asked you about income sources, and I just want to  
5     clarify for the record, and if I misstate it, correct me; but the income sources are  
6     just the income that the applicant derives from Mr. Edwards' transportation services  
7     for the companies that he is currently operating? So whatever jobs and customers  
8     he has to transport, that's the income sources?

9     **MRS. EDWARDS:** Yes, ma'am.

10    **JUDGE FREY:** I have no further questions. Is there anything you wish to add,  
11    Mrs. Edwards, after my questions?

12    **MRS. EDWARDS:** No, ma'am.

13    **JUDGE FREY:** All right. Mr. Rachal, any follow up for Mrs. Edwards?

14    **MR. RACHAL:** Nothing from Staff, Your Honor.

15    **JUDGE FREY:** If there's nothing further, you may step down.

16    **MR. RACHAL:** Your Honor, as stated in Staff's pre-hearing statement, Staff  
17    supports this application as the applicant satisfies and has demonstrated all fitness  
18    requirements, there are currently no outstanding compliance issues involving the  
19    applicant, and the applicant is currently in good standing with the Commission.  
20    Therefore, together with the applicant, Staff prays that the application is granted.

21    **JUDGE FREY:** Thank you. And just to clarify, the applicant doesn't currently  
22    have any authority with the Commission, correct?

23    **MR. RACHAL:** No, Your Honor.

1   **JUDGE FREY:** Mr. or Mrs. Edwards, anything you wish to add before we  
2   conclude today's hearing?  
3   **MR. EDWARDS:** No, ma'am.  
4   **MRS. EDWARDS:** No, ma'am.  
5   **JUDGE FREY:** All right. So do you wish that the Commission grant your  
6   certificate as requested?  
7   **MR. EDWARDS:** Very much.  
8   **JUDGE FREY:** All right. Well, thank you very much. If there is nothing further,  
9   this hearing is adjourned.  
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11                   **(WHEREUPON, THE HEARING WAS ADJOURNED)**  
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1 I hereby certify that the foregoing pages 1 through 41 are true and correct to the best  
2 of my knowledge of the Hearing held on August 6, 2024 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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