

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. X-_____

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In re: Investigatory Audit of Total Environmental Solutions, Inc.'s compliance and management of all drinking water and wastewater systems, including compliance with a Modified Consent Decree.

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

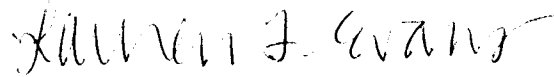
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this docket is being initiated per Vice Chairman Skrmetta's directive at the Louisiana Public Service Commission's ("LPSC" or "Commission") April 12, 2021 Business and Executive Session. With the main goal being to get Total Environmental Solutions, Inc.'s ("TESI") system fixed, and to get TESI out of the Modified Consent Decree ("MCD"), Staff was directed:

1. To open an audit to investigate TESI's compliance with all relevant drinking water and wastewater regulatory compliance matters, as well as compliance with a goal to release from management of the federal MCD. This inquiry should address, but not be limited to, the following:
 - That TESI is in full compliance with all drinking water and wastewater regulatory requirements.
 - The likelihood that TESI will be able to comply with the MCD within its anticipated 2 year time frame.
 - Whether TESI has adequately anticipated how much it will cost to comply with the MCD.
 - Whether TESI and/or SLECA's board of directors have been involved with the decision making regarding compliance with the MCD.
 - Whether TESI should consider selling the system and/or whether TESI should be placed in a joint receivership with the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.
2. To investigate TESI's related party transactions with SLECA, and other related parties, including examination of all information regarding a loan between SLECA and TESI to see when the loan was approved by the Commission, as well as what impacts the loan had on SLECA's ratepayers. Further, include examination of other related party transactions that may impact TESI or SLECA ratepayers.
3. To issue RFPs to hire outside counsel and outside consultants or engineers, to the extent necessary, to assist Staff with this docket.
4. And to interact with all appropriate state and federal agencies, as necessary

There was no opposition.

The Commission issued RFP 21-12 and RFP 21-13 seeking proposals consistent with the directive on May 7, 2021, and hires are anticipated at the June, 2021 Business and Executive Session. Therefore, Staff provides notice of this proceeding for publication in the next Official Commission Bulletin.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 5th day of May, 2021.



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