

**MINUTES OF LEPA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)  
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON  
JUNE 15, 2023.**

The members of the LEPA Operating Committee held a meeting on June 15, 2023, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Present for the Operating Committee were:

Mayor Edwin “Ed” Reeves, Chairman, representing the City of Plaquemine  
Mr. Jeffery Stewart, Vice-Chairman, representing the City of Lafayette  
Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, Secretary-Treasurer, representing the City of Rayne  
Mayor Jason Willis, representing the City of St. Martinville  
Mayor Buz Craft, representing the Town of Vidalia

Absent:

None

The meeting was called to order and the presence of a quorum for the Operating Committee was noted. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023 Operating Committee meeting, copies of which were in Members’ packets.

General Manager Bihm then introduced Kaitlyn Dyer as LEPA’s new Administrative Secretary.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs as set forth in the documents in Members’ packets. He reported on the April 2023 rates as well as the rates for the last 12 months.

General Manager Bihm reported that on the day of the meeting, natural gas at the Henry Hub was \$2.09/MMBTU. The 12-month strip was at \$3.02/MMBTU. He further reported that natural gas at the Henry Hub a year ago was \$7.60/MMBTU and the 12-month strip for natural gas at the Henry Hub a year ago was \$6.82/MMBTU. That information was in the documents in Members’ packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the residential rates for providers in the State of Louisiana as set forth in the documents in Members’ packets.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that the unit is available and has been online. He further reported that there had

been a brief outage the previous month for maintenance. Also, no trains of coal were scheduled for the month of June although two trains with coal are expected for the month of July.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook as predicted by the National Hurricane Center as set forth in the document in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the APPA salary survey information request as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He further reported that he will share LEPA's Member City Salary Survey results with APPA.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the status of the City of Minden's power supply agreement with AEP/SWEPCO.

General Manager Bihm then reported on House Resolution No. 155, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that LEPA has been included as a member of the study group, and he suggested an individual from one of the LEPA Member Cities represent LEPA on the study group. It was discussed that Lafayette should be the one to represent the LEPA cities. Mr. Bihm said he would have an individual to represent LEPA on the study group for the Board to vote on at its July meeting.

General Manager Bihm then reported and requested consideration for approval of a resolution to request an opinion from the Attorney General's office on LEPA providing LBA services to outside entities as described in the documents in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor Craft, that was second by Mr. Stewart, the Members of the Committee unanimously approved the Resolution that was in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on customer service training provided by the APPA as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

There being no further business to come before the Operating Committee, upon motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Willis, the Members of such Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

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Chairman

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Sec.-Treasurer