

**MINUTES OF LEPA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)  
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON  
MARCH 20, 2025.**

The members of the LEPA Operating Committee held a meeting on March 20, 2025, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Present for the Operating Committee were:

Mayor Charles "Chuck" Robichaux, Chairman, representing the City of Rayne  
Mayor Roslyn White, Secretary-Treasurer, representing the City of Abbeville  
Mayor Buz Craft, representing the Town of Vidalia  
Mayor Michael "Mike" Kloesel, representing the City of Kaplan

Absent:

Mayor Jason Willis, Vice-Chairman, representing the City of St. Martinville

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

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor White, the Members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024, Operating Committee meeting, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported on the January 2025 rates as well as the rates for the last 12 months. He then reported on residential rates as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

He reported that on the day of the meeting, natural gas at the Henry Hub was \$4.22/MMBTU and the 12-month strip was \$4.80/MMBTU. A month ago, the price was \$7.79, and the 12-month strip was \$4.55. A year ago, the price was \$1.55/MMBTU and the 12-month strip for natural gas at the Henry Hub a year ago was \$2.71/MMBTU.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that the unit has been de-rated to 51 mw for repairs that are ongoing. He further reported that the unit was down from March 10 through March 16 for boiler feed pump repairs that have been accomplished.

General Manager Bihm then reported on news articles reporting that Ontario had suspended its 25% tariff on electricity exports and that the Trump administration was considering whether to re-open coal-fired power plants and how that might affect Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He also reported on possible rollbacks of environmental regulations for the power sector. Those reports were in the documents in Members' packets.

General Counsel Patrick Wartelle then reported on the status of the expropriation litigation involving Lafayette Consolidated Government. He reported that the Louisiana Supreme Court denied LCG's application for writs of certiorari and that the case is essentially over.

General Manager Bihm then reported on consideration for approval of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2024, copies of which were in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor White that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Members of such Committee unanimously voted to approve execution of the Questionnaire.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a review of the LEPA Rate Stabilization Pilot Program and how it could affect member municipalities which are not already participating in the program. Copies of the Rate Stabilization Agreement were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a proposed revised Exhibit A to the Rate Stabilization Agreement and the reasons for the recommendation to adopt it. Copies of the proposed revised Exhibit A were in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor White that was seconded by Mayor Kloesel, the Members voted by roll call vote on the proposed Agreement with revised Exhibit A. The votes were as follows:

Ayes:

Mayor Charles "Chuck" Robichaux, Chairman, representing the City of Rayne  
Mayor Roslyn White, Secretary-Treasurer, representing the City of Abbeville  
Mayor Buz Craft, representing the Town of Vidalia  
Mayor Michael "Mike" Kloesel, representing the City of Kaplan

Nays:

None

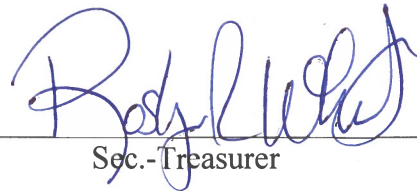
Thus, the Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the status of the City of Minden becoming a Full Requirements Member.

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



Chairman



Sec.-Treasurer

