



RESILIENT LOUISIANA COMMISSION

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Energy Task Force

June 1, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 4:00 p.m.

Task Force Members Present:

- Rhoman Hardy (Co-Chair)
- Shane Hilton (Co-Chair)
- Mayor Jennifer Vidrine
- Mayor Jeff Hall
- Blake Canfield
- Jody Montelaro
- Karl Weber
- Brian Bond
- Tyler Gray
- Elizabeth Ellison-Frost
- Nick Piatek
- Laura Ferrell

- **Administrative Actions:**
 - Roll was called two times and quorum was confirmed.
 - May 26th meeting minutes were approved by the members.
- **Opening Remarks:**
 - Review of the timeline, final Charge 2 report will be due to the Commission on June 12th.
 - All Co-Chairs have been asked to prepare a presentation for the Commission on the work the Task Force has done. These will occur the week of June 15th.
 - Jody Montelaro and Tyler Gray provided an update on the legislative actions happening and how they impact the energy sector and correlate to the Task Forces' recommendations.
 - HB 845 – Rep. Dwight and co-authored my most of the SW delegation. This is a public /private partnership between industry, the state and the Port of Lake Charles. Intent was to manage the dredge and disposal issue in the Calcasieu Ship Channel. There has been issues with transportation and moving product up and down ship channel. Successfully passed and sent to Governor.
 - Senate Bill 492 – The sponsor is Sen. Stewart Cathey, which preempts local regulation of the use of natural gas utility service. The bill provides that a parish or municipality may not deny a permit application based on the utility provider proposed to provide utility service to the project. There are currently about 50 municipalities in CA, WA and OR that have bans prohibiting new natural gas hook ups. Want Louisiana to be open for businesses without such bans.
 - HB 360 – Sponsor was Rep. Huval. This bill is a constitutional amendment that provides for the methodology of valuation of oil and gas wells for the purpose of ad valorem assessment. It is a compromised agreement between the Louisiana Assessors Association and industry on the valuation of the O&G wells on property taxes. This has been an ongoing disagreement between industry and landowners. Going forward the production levels will be given consideration in the property taxes.
 - Broadband Bill – closely following ongoing work around broadband as this will continue to be important.
 - Securitization – This is very important for the utility sector, especially when it comes to being able to have cost recoveries that allow savings to the rate payers and spread it out over time. This is primarily a tool of recovery and softens the recovery from rate payers. Reference to Katrina, Rita, etc.

- A reminder that the regular legislative session ends at 6 PM today (June 1st) and that the legislature issued a call last week for a special session. This special session will begin at 6:01 PM today after the regular session is formally ended. There will be a focus on very specific items that need to be articulated during the special session.
- **Charge 2 Discussion:** A round robin was called from the sub team leads to report any additional recommendations, progress or changes they have developed since the previous week.
 - Government Officials / Public Officials – no new changes. Text was provided to include into the ETF’s charge 2 report early last week. No additional recommendations or comments to add this week.
 - LNG – No new changes or recommendations from the sub team. Team will work on putting recommendations that were shared during the previous call into writing for the Charge 2 report.
 - Utilities – No additional recommendations or changes. Like LNG group, team will work on putting the recommendations shared during the previous week’s call into writing for the Charge 2 report.
 - Oil & Gas – No new updates to provide this week. The recommendations were provided. There has been some progress on the SIMPLE plan that was discussed during the previous weeks call that this plan could be filed during the special session.

Review of Action & Closing Remarks:

- Sub teams to submit their recommendations to Nicole this week if they have not already.
- Co-Chairs to circulate the draft report to all members by end of week.

Adjourned meeting

