Alliance for Affordable Energy

Safeguarding Louisiana’s future by protecting consumers’ right to an affordable, equitable, and environmentally responsible energy system.
In 2013, Louisiana joined the MISO market.

In 2005, MISO had about 300 MW of wind capacity. Today, the system supports 17 GW of wind, or about 8% of the system’s generating portfolio. Coal has dropped from 65% of generating capacity to about 35% in MISO’s footprint, and gas generation has risen from 10% to 43%.
Louisiana currently has a Regulated Energy Market

Regulated Electric Markets are vertically integrated monopoly utilities cover the entire value chain with oversight from a public regulator.

Louisiana has 3 Investor Owned Utilities (IOU’s)- Entergy, SWEPCO & CLECO as well as numerous Electric Co-op’s that are regulated by the Louisiana Public Service Commission.
• Capital Costs/Rate Base is the value of the company’s assets minus accumulated depreciation.
  • Rate of Return (return on assets) drives a utility’s profitability.
• Expenses are simply passed through, including fuel in cases where regulated utilities own power plants.
Louisiana Public Service Commission

- 5 Commissioners
  - 1 Eric Skrmetta
  - 2 Craig Greene
  - 3 Lambert Boissiere
  - 4 Mike Francis
  - 5 Foster Campbell

- Commissioners are elected

- Considered a “stepping stone” to higher office
Louisiana consistently ranks near the bottom when it comes to energy policy.
Low Rates, High Bills

US:
Average Monthly Usage per Household: 901 kwh

LOUISIANA:
Average Monthly Usage per Household: 1286 kwh

Over 38% higher than the National Average
Energy Efficiency is Affordable Energy

The securest, cleanest and most affordable energy is the energy we don’t use.

Share of US electricity generation by resource in 2015

- Natural gas: 27%
- Coal: 27%
- Nuclear power: 16%
- Renewable sources: 11%
- Petroleum and other: 1%
- Energy efficiency: 18%

Source: EIA for all except energy efficiency, which is based on ACEEE estimates. EIA data source is May 2016 Monthly Energy Review, Table 7.2a Electricity Net Generation: Total (All Sectors).
Energy efficiency is the largest sector within the U.S. clean energy economy, accounting for three in four of its jobs and employing 2.2 million people nationwide, roughly 25,000 are Louisiana residents.

Energy retrofits improve indoor air quality, numbers show that childhood asthma hospital visits down ~85% after upgrades.
Solar advocates push back against proposal to gut net metering in Louisiana

Louisiana homeowners who installed solar could see their compensation slashed under the new rules.

A Gun-Owning Trump Fan’s New Crusade: Clean Energy

Debbie Dooley, an early Tea Party organizer who backs President Trump, says embracing alternative energy is part of a consistent worldview.

By IVAN PENN FEB. 28, 2018
Net Metering Challenges the Monopoly

- Net metering is a system of billing, used by homeowners and businesses with solar panels, in order to offset or ‘net’ their power usage.
- Currently 44 States, including Louisiana, have net metering policies that allow customers to sell excess energy back to their utility.
- The proposed rule change would eliminate net metering in Louisiana.
What’s on the Table?

- Energy Efficiency
- Net Metering
- Status of Electric Rates
- Impact of Tax Cut Legislation
- Integrated Resource Planning
Louisiana is an Energy State

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  - Commissioner Francis at 337-514-2000

- Write Letters to the Editor

- Public Comment – Monthly meetings

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