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State Preps for Hurricane Harvey

Baton Rouge – The southwest and south central part of Louisiana is bracing for the potential effects of heavy rains as a result of Hurricane Harvey making its way through the Gulf of Mexico. Landfall projections for the eye of Hurricane Harvey are for early Saturday morning along the Texas coast near Corpus Christi with hurricane force winds in excess of 120 miles per hour and then stall near the middle Texas coast through the weekend. There is much uncertainty in the forecast after that, and the entire southern part of the state should be prepared for a possible shift in the forecast towards southwest part of Louisiana. The National Weather Service is predicting 10-15 inches of rain throughout the southwestern parishes and 5-10 inches in the south central parishes. This storm could lead to scattered power outages.

The Commission encourages residents to be vigilant during the storms which includes no unnecessary travelling, reporting downed power lines, reporting outages, charging cell phones, and preparing a storm kit. A storm kit should include bottled water, medication, flashlight, and a first aid kit. High winds and fallen tree limbs are common reasons for downed power lines so please be aware to not come in contact with the line or anything touching the line. Please contact your electric company if you see a downed power line. For information on power outages, links to utility outage maps and other information can be found at the following link: <http://www.lpsc.louisiana.gov/consumerutilitylinks.aspx>.

The Louisiana Public Service Commission is an independent regulatory agency dedicated to serving the public interest by assuring safe, reliable, and reasonably-priced services from public utilities and motor carriers. The LPSC, created by Article IV, Section 21 of the 1974 Constitution of the State of Louisiana, consists of five elected Commissioners who serve overlapping terms of six years. The Commission has jurisdiction over certain publicly-owned utilities providing electric, water, wastewater, natural gas, and telecommunication services, as well as all the electric cooperatives in Louisiana. It does not regulate Entergy New Orleans, Inc.

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