LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
EX PARTE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 6-2009

In re: Ethics Rules for Louisiana Public Service Commission

(As amended at the January 14, 2009 Open Session)

APPENDIX "A"

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ETHICS RULES

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(AS AMENDED 1/14/09)

1. Commissioners shall be prohibited from accepting anything of value (including gifts, tickets, food, beverages or any item), other than campaign contributions, from any person or entity conducting activities or operations regulated by the Commission or having business pending before the Commission. Said prohibition shall also apply to those providing or requesting to provide professional services on behalf of the Commission, as well as those employed by the Commission or having business pending before the Commission. Commission Staff shall also be prohibited from accepting the aforementioned prohibited items. Similarly, it shall be forbidden for any person or entity conducting activities or operations regulated by the Commission or having business pending before the Commission, including those contracting with or requesting to contract with the Commission to provide professional services, or persons employed by or representing such persons or entities, to offer or purchase the aforementioned prohibited items on behalf of Commissioners or Commission Staff. Nothing in this rule shall prohibit food and/or beverages consumed while attending a reception, banquet, or educational seminar held in conjunction with a national/regional regulatory conference or trade association meeting. In the event that a Commissioner or Commission Staff member unwittingly accepts food or beverage prohibited under this rule, then, in order to prevent a violation of this rule, the Commissioner or Commission Staff member shall remit reimbursement for his or her *pro rata* food and/or beverage expense.

2. Commissioners shall be prohibited from sponsoring a fundraiser on their own behalf, or on the behalf of any candidate for political office, within 72 hours before or after a regularly scheduled Business & Executive Session. Any violation of this rule will result in a $5,000 fine.

3. Commissioners and Commission Staff shall continue to be allowed to accept those promotional items which are considered by the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics to have no economic value.

4. Commissioners and Commission Staff shall continue to abide by the provisions of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics that do not conflict with this Order.