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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 257

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

HOMELAND SECURITY: Requests the Select Committee on Homeland Security to investigate the recent power outage initiated by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator in southeastern La.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Select Committee on Homeland Security to investigate the recent
3 power outage initiated by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator in
4 southeastern Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, on May 25, 2025, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator
6 initiated a power outage to prevent overload on the electric grid; and

7 WHEREAS, Entergy New Orleans reported that approximately fifty-two thousand
8 customers in Orleans Parish, thirty-six thousand in Jefferson Parish, six thousand five
9 hundred in Plaquemines Parish, and six thousand in St. Bernard Parish were affected, with
10 additional impacts on Cleco customers residing on the Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the outage also affected surrounding neighborhoods that include
13 Lakeview, Gentilly, Mid-City, Uptown, Treme, Marigny, and the Garden District, along with
14 Meraux and Violet in St. Bernard, and Bonnabel Place in Metairie; and

15 WHEREAS, indicators from Entergy's outage map showed that approximately one
16 hundred two thousand seven hundred seventy-one customers were impacted by five o'clock
17 in the afternoon along with outages involving traffic lights not functioning at various
18 intersections; and

1 WHEREAS, by six-thirty in the evening, some portions of Uptown New Orleans
2 regained power with a projection for complete restoration of power by seven o'clock in the
3 evening and existing delays still prevalent in St. Bernard; and

4 WHEREAS, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator issued a three-minute
5 warning to Entergy before triggering the power outage, providing minimal time for
6 Louisiana citizens to take necessary precautions; and

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Public Service Commission offered many factors that
8 contributed to the outage, which included offline generators, the failure of generators, and
9 the power demand exceeding forecasts due to high temperatures.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Select Committee on Homeland
12 Security to investigate the recent power outage initiated by the Midcontinent Independent
13 System Operator in southeastern Louisiana.

DIGEST

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