

LOUISIANA BUCKET BRIGADE v. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

TIMELINE

<u>October 6, 2017</u>	Louisiana Bucket Brigade submits a public records request to the Louisiana Governor's office seeking "any and all records related in any way to" (1) meetings and (2) communications between the Governor and/or members of his staff and any employees or agents of Bayou Bridge Pipeline, Energy Transfer Partners, Sunoco Logistics, Phillips 66, and any subsidiaries of these companies.
<u>October 10, 2017</u>	Deputy Executive Counsel to Governor Edwards acknowledges receipt of the public records request and indicates they would send the information by the next day (Wednesday, October 11, 2017).
<u>October 18, 2017</u>	<p>Deputy Executive Counsel to Governor Edwards sends a letter indicating they did not find any records responsive to the Bucket Brigade's request for information about meetings between the Governor and/or his staff and any company representatives.</p> <p>With respect to the request for information about communications between the Governor's office and company representatives, the office produced a short email string relating to the appointment of a Sunoco employee to the Bunches Bend Protection District Board.</p>
<u>October 20, 2017</u>	<p>Louisiana Bucket Brigade sends a letter to the Governor's office in response expressing concern about the "extremely limited number of records produced in response to the request" and reiterated the request included records of meetings and communications with "agents" of the named companies.</p> <p>The Bucket Brigade letter then identified three lobbyists registered on behalf of two of the companies named in the request and asked that the staff conduct another search for responsive records.</p>
<u>October 23, 2017</u>	Governor Edwards' Deputy Executive Counsel acknowledges receipt of what she termed a "new request."
<u>November 6, 2017</u>	Governor Edwards' Deputy Executive Counsel sends email to Louisiana Bucket Brigade indicating the search for responsive records was still under way and that she expected to send a response by the end of the next day (November 7, 2017).

<p><u>December 4, 2017</u></p>	<p>Nearly a month after the Governor’s office indicated they would be sending a response to the Bucket Brigade’s October 20, 2017, communication, the Bucket Brigade, having not received further communication, sent a letter to the Deputy Executive Counsel summarizing the history of the request and reiterating that the records sought included those relating to meetings and communications with agents of the companies listed.</p> <p>The Bucket Brigade proceeded to name two more people it believed to be acting as agents of the companies listed in the request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary Landrieu, who has acknowledged publicly that she serves as a “consultant” to the Bayou Bridge Pipeline Project and had participated in public hearings as a representative on behalf of Energy Transfer Partners; and - Randy Hayden, a lobbyists, media consultant, and industry spokesperson. <p>The Bucket Brigade asked again that a search be conducted for records relating to meetings or communications with Landrieu and Hayden as well as the lobbyists identified in the October 20, 2017, letter.</p>
<p><u>December 7, 2017</u></p>	<p>The Governor’s Deputy Executive Counsel sent an email to the Bucket Brigade acknowledging receipt of the December 4th letter but appearing to treat it as a new public records request and indicating that a response to the “previous request” was forthcoming.</p>
<p><u>December 13, 2017</u></p>	<p>The Louisiana Bucket Brigade filed suit against the Office of the Governor to assert its rights under the Louisiana Public Records Law. A hearing was initially set for December 28, 2017, but was later rescheduled for February 2, 2018, before Judge Wilson Fields in the 19th Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge.</p>
<p><u>January 3, 2018</u></p>	<p>Deputy Executive Counsel sent a letter to the Bucket Brigade in response in which the Governor’s staff indicated they “identified no relevant, responsive records of communications or meetings” with individuals named in Bucket Brigade’s correspondence of October 20, 2017.</p>
<p><u>January 5, 2018</u></p>	<p>An Assistant to the Executive Counsel in the Office of the Governor emailed a letter in response to the Bucket Brigade’s December 4, 2017, letter, in which they indicated that they found no records responsive to the request for records relating to meetings or communications with Mary Landrieu or Randy Hayden.</p>

<p>January 17, 2018</p>	<p>The Baton Rouge-based newspaper The Advocate ran a story about legal challenges to the Bayou Bridge Pipeline. In it, the Advocate reported that a document indicating a meeting between Mary Landrieu and Governor Edwards existed and was provided in response to a separate records request that had been obtained by the newspaper.</p> <p>The article also noted another email between Randy Hayden and a member of the Governor’s staff requesting that the Governor participate in a media call organized he was organizing about the pipeline.</p> <p>Steve Hardy, <i>Louisiana Environmental Groups turn to courts in Bayou Bridge Pipeline Battle</i>, The Advocate, Jan. 17, 2018. http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/environment/article_e20e6c78-fba9-11e7-bc07-6774af2be0d2.html</p>
<p><u>January 17, 2018</u></p>	<p>The same day as the article in the Advocate was published, counsel for Louisiana Bucket Brigade sent a letter to Deputy Executive Counsel expressing concern about the article and asserting that the records identified in the article would have been responsive to the Bucket Brigade’s request. Bucket Brigade counsel asked that those documents as well as any others related in any way to meetings or communications with those individuals be produced.</p>
<p><u>January 24, 2018</u></p>	<p>The Governor’s Deputy Executive Counsel sent an email to counsel for Louisiana Bucket Brigade acknowledging the letter of January 17, 2018, and indicating they would send a response by the end of the week.</p>
<p><u>January 26, 2018</u></p>	<p>The Governor’s Deputy Executive Counsel sent a letter to counsel for Louisiana Bucket Brigade to which she attached the records in question concerning a meeting between the Governor and Mary Landrieu as well as email correspondence between staff of the Governor and Randy Hayden.</p>