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Here is a statement from the USCG pilot.

Jason Aguilera
Senior Air Safety Investigator
National Transportation Safety Board
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Good morning Mr. Aguilera,

It was a pleasure speaking to you on the phone this morning. For record use, the weather was VFR at KMSY and deteriorated to Marginal VFR/IFR at KAPS and other airports to the west. The shores of Lake Pontchartrain were showing low level fog that allowed the stanchion of the power lines to be barely visible from the east. However, from the west, the fog layer was above the power lines along with high cloud layers that reached about 1,200 feet. Top down view, there was very dense fog from the all areas with a tall column of clouds to the west of the power line intersection where the incident occurred. We were able to orbit overhead with good visibility above the fog at 500 ft over the shoreline but as soon as you went west on land, that's where the wall of clouds/fog up to 1200 ft were.

I hope this helps in the investigation. Please reach out if you have any further questions. [REDACTED]

Very Respectfully,
[REDACTED]

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