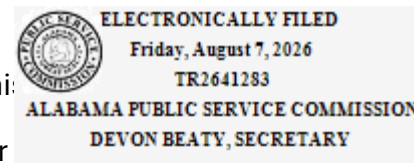


Comment to APSC in Agreement with SELC



To the Honorable Commissioners of the Alabama Public Service Commi:

I respectfully submit this comment as an Alabama citizen and ratepayer Southern Environmental Law Center's request for greater transparency and expanded public participation in this docket.

I agree that the Commission should hold a public hearing, accept verbal comments for the record, allow comments to be submitted by mail and email, and extend the public comment deadline until after the public has had a meaningful opportunity to participate. These are reasonable steps that would help ensure that all interested citizens not only those familiar with electronic filing systems can be heard.

The issues being considered in this docket may have important consequences for Alabama ratepayers, utility customers, rural communities, economic development, infrastructure planning, and the public interest. Because these decisions may affect people across the state, the process should be accessible, transparent, and understandable to ordinary citizens.

Requiring public comments to be filed only through a formal electronic filing system may create unnecessary barriers for many Alabamians. Some residents may have limited internet access, lack experience with online filing procedures, or face other practical obstacles that make participation difficult. Allowing comments by mail and email would make the process more inclusive and would better reflect the Commission's responsibility to consider the views of the public.

A public hearing would also provide an important opportunity for citizens to speak directly to the Commission and for the Commission to hear concerns from ratepayers, local communities, and other stakeholders. Public participation strengthens public trust and helps ensure that decisions are based on a fuller understanding of the impacts on Alabama residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to grant SELC's request by holding a public hearing, accepting comments by mail and email, and extending the public comment deadline until one week after the hearing. These steps would promote fairness, transparency, and meaningful public engagement in a matter of statewide importance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arie Lucille Kimble-Foster". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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