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#### MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 24, 2025

TO: Commissioner Cynthia Lee Almond

Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III

FROM: Jeff Johnston, Director 999

Utility Services Division

SUBJ ECT: Agenda for July 1, 2025 Commission Meeting.

The following items will be presented to the Commission during the regular July 1, 2025 Commission Meeting.

# CONSUMER SERVICES REPORT

# CONSUMER SERVICES ELECTRIC & GAS INQUIRIES

# June

Company	Service Category	Total Inquiries	Service Outage Interruption	Service Quality	Service Connection	Service Disconnected	Billing Issues	Payment Issues	Request Info Only
Alabama Power	Residential	31	1	12	4	2	6	2	4
	Business	1				1			
Spire Alabama	Residential	5				1		4	
	Business								
Spire Gulf	Residential							74180111	
	Business								
TOTAL	Residential	36	1	12	4	3	6	6	4
	Business	1				1			

# **BASIC SERVICE ONLY**

Company	Service Category	Total Inquiries	Service Outage	Service Quality	Service Connection	Service Disconnec tion	Billing Issues	Payment Issues	Lifeline	Request Info
ILEC	Residential	1		1						
ILEC	Business									
CLEC	Residential									
CLEC	Business									
TOLL	Residential									
TOLL	Business									
OTHER	Residential									
OTHER	Business									
otal Under PSC omplaint urisdiction		1		1						

OTHER RETAIL SERVICES/ISSUES

Service Category	Total Inquiries	Toll Service	Internet Service	Slamming Cramming	Wireless Issues	Number Porting Issues	Video CATV	Inmate Calling Service	Request Info Only
Residential									
Business									
Total									
Not Under PSC Jurisdiction	0								
Under PSC Jurisdiction	0								

Other Retail Services/Issues Under PSC Jurisdiction (Above)	0
Basic Service Inquiries Under PSC Jurisdiction (Previous Page)	1
Total Telecom Inquiries Under PSC Jurisdiction (Non-referrals)	1
Inquiries Not Subject to PSC Jurisdiction	0

Referred Inquiries					
(Waived Complaint Jurisdiction)					
Residential	2				
Business	2				
TOTAL	4				

TOTAL TELECOM INQUIRIES							
Under PSC Complaint Jurisdiction	Waived Complaint Jurisdiction (Referrals)	Received But Not Under PSC Jurisdiction	Total Received				
1 4 0 5							

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#### Gas Agenda

#### **NATURAL GAS**

Docket 18046 and SPIRE ALABAMA INC. -- Division Report on Rate RSE as of May 31, 18328 2025

Based on preliminary figures as of May 31, 2025, the projected RSE return on average common equity for the rate year ending September 30, 2025, was 9.74 percent. The authorized return on average common equity is 9.50 to 9.90 percent.

Docket 28101 SPIRE GULF INC. -- Division Report on Rate RSE as of May 31, 2025

Based on preliminary figures as of May 31, 2025, the projected RSE return on average common equity for the rate year ending September 30, 2025, was 9.64 percent. The authorized return on average common equity is 9.70 to 10.30 percent.

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#### **Telecommunication Agenda**

#### **AMENDED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT (S)**

Docket U-5481

BLOUNTSVILLE TELEPHONE LLC d/b/a GONETSPEED and LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC -- Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Blountsville Telephone LLC d/b/a GoNetspeed and Level 3 Communications, LLC pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Recommend Approval.

#### **SUMMARY OF OTHER FILING (S)**

D-7827 TELCOVE OPERATIONS, LLC -- Filing Tariff #4 to replace previous Tariff #3. Private Line Services will no longer be available to new customers or for new orders. Existing contracts will be supported until the expiration of the contract; contracts will not be renewed. Customers were notified in advance. Filed June 11, 2025 with a proposed effective date of July 15, 2025.

#### D-7828 GLOBAL TEL\*LINK CORPORATION d/b/a VIAPATH

TECHNOLOGIES -- Filing Tariff #3 to replace existing Alabama Tariff #2 and Abbreviated Tariff. The purpose is to add the Company's DBA name to the Tariff (as previously approved). To update definitions and terms used in the Tariff; to update and add certain terms and conditions; to update rates in accordance with recent rulings by the Federal Communications Commission; and to delete outdated provisions and rates. Filed June 10, 2025 with a requested effective date of July 11, 2025.



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**DATE:** June 24, 2025

TO: President Cynthia Lee Almond

Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III.

FROM: Jonathan M Kimbril, Director

**Gas Pipeline Safety Division** 

SUBJECT: Agenda for July 1st, 2025, Commission Meeting

The following items will be presented to the Commission during the regular July  $1^{st}$ , 2025, Commission Meeting.

### GAS PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION ACTIVITIES May 2025

# **Inspections**

During the month of May, a total of sixty-eight (68) inspections were conducted utilizing eighty-nine and half (89.5) person-days. The inspections are as follows:

		STANDARD INSPECTION	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATOR QUALIFACTION	PUBLIC AWARENESS	IMP / DIMP	CONTROL ROOM MGMT	INCIDENT / ACCIDENT	SECTION 114	DRUG & ALCOHOL	FOLLOW-UP	
	PRIVATE		4	2	1	1				1		
AS	MUNICIPAL	9	7	2	1					1	9	
STEN	MASTER METER			1							1	AL
ESY	LIQUID PROPANE (LP)											TOTAL
ELIN	LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)		1									
GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS	INTRASTATE TRANSMISSION	8		5	1				2	2	1	
G.A.	GAS GATHERING	1		1					1			
	OFFSHORE GAS											
Ħ	REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	1								1	1	
ELIN	CRUDE OIL	1								1		
UID PIPEL SYSTEMS	HVL FLAMMABLE / TOXIC											
LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS	CARBON DIOXIDE											
	BIOFUEL											
	TOTALS	20	12	11	3	1			3	6	12	68

#### Training

Two (2) operator/contractor training session on Polyethylene (PE) plastic fusion and zero (0) fire response training were conducted in May:

>	5/4/2025	Cullman-Jefferson	PE	18	Personnel Trained
>	5/20/2025	Leak City – Athens, AL	PE	19	Personnel Trained

#### **Enforcement Actions**

From the sixty-eight (68) inspections shown above, seven (7) enforcement letters of notification were issued leading to twenty (20) non-compliance issues. There were forty-four (44) non-compliance items corrected during the month of May.

#### Incidents / Accidents

There were Four (4) state reportable incidents, and zero (0) federal incidents reported during the month May.

- Spire Gulf A contractor struck and ruptured a 2" steel main while > 5/8/2025 digging and pulling it out of a dresser coupling that connected steel and polyethylene pipe. The contractor failed to contact Alabama 811 and did not obtain a locate ticket prior to excavation.
- > 5/22/2025 Athen Gas - During a critical valve inspection, an employee inadvertently left a valve in the "off" position, mistakenly believing it had been left open. The incident involved a valve located in a damaged box.
- Spire Gulf A contractor performing a cross bore for a > 5/23/2025 telecommunications line struck an unmarked 20" gas main located approximately 10 feet underground. A temporary wrap was applied to stop the leak, and a soap test confirmed there were no further leaks. The operator plans to return for a permanent repair.
- Florence Gas The Florence Electricity Department accidentally > 5/30/2025 severed a 6" PE gas main using an auger while installing an electric pole. Preliminary findings indicate the locate marks were approximately two feet off. The gas main had been located by Line Quest.

#### Miscellaneous

The Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) program recently attended the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) Southern Region meeting. During this meeting, anticipated regulatory changes were discussed, along with several updates to the program guidelines that outline the framework state programs must follow.

We are proud to announce that Alabama has accepted the Vice Chair position for the NAPSR Southern Region. As part of this role, the Alabama GPS program will be responsible for planning, organizing, and hosting the Southern Region meeting in 2027.



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 24, 2025

TO: President Cynthia Lee Almond

Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III

FROM: Amanda D. Shehane, Director AD&

**Utility Enforcement Division** 

SUBJECT: Agenda for the July 1, 2025, Commission Meeting

This memorandum reflects the Utility Enforcement Division's (UED) report describing the major tasks, inspections, and activities accomplished by its staff during May 2025.

#### RAILWAY SAFETY

The track inspection results below reflect activity by our Railway Safety (RWS) Staff in the field.

Rail Carriers Visited	Regular Track Inspections	Track Defects Identified	Violations Recommended		Track Turnouts Inspected
5	10	34	0	139	67

The table below reflects track safety observations in which no non-compliant conditions were identified. Twenty-three roadway workers, bridge workers, and practices were observed.

Railroad Bridge	Roadway Worker	Roadway Maintenance	Bridge Worker
Observations	Protection	Machines	Safety
10	8	8	

The data in the table below was collected from Motive Power & Equipment (MP&E) inspections performed on locomotives, freight cars, tank cars, and other railroad equipment.

Rail Carriers	Regular Eqpt.	Defects	Violations	Number of Units
Visited	Inspections	Identified	Recommended	Inspected
5	9	64	0	436

The data below reflects both track and MP&E inspectors' record inspection reviews on railroad inspections, repair records, and highway grade crossings.

	Track Inspection Records	MP&E Railcar & Locomotive Repair Records	Highway Grade Crossings
Inspections	0	2	0
<b>Units Inspected</b>	0	54	0
Defects	0	0	0

The National Response Center (NRC) reported three incidents in May:

- 1. An ATV strike with unknown injuries in Irvington on CSX.
- 2. A motorcycle struck a train with fatal injuries in Decatur on NS.
- 3. A motor oil release resulting from a motor vehicle accident on railroad property with no reported injuries in Paintrock on NS.

RWS hired an Operating Practices (OP) inspector. This is the first time that the APSC has employed an OP inspector. This addition to our inspection staff will help ensure that railroad operations are conducted in compliance with the regulations. In turn, this will contribute to reducing human factor incidents. Human factor incidents continue to be a leading cause in railroad derailments and employee casualties.

#### **MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES**

The Motor Carrier Services (MCS) staff accomplished the following matters regarding state authority to operate as a motor carrier in Alabama with proof of insurance coverage:

Vehicle Registration			NOL Processed/ Closed Intra	Under Legal Division	New Authority	Motor Carrier Authority Inquiries		
Numbers	Processed	Returned	Applications	Review	Approved	Phone	E-mails	Others
18	21	6	0	11	9	70	54	18

MCS staff members handled the tasks shown below regarding insurance coverage, prepared correspondence that challenged incorrect filings and addressed related inquiries:

Insurance	Revocation	Reinstatement Orders	Miscellaneous Actions	Letters Sent	Insurance Inquiries	
Filings Received	Orders				Phone	E-mails
363	20	14	10	34	65	94

The MCS Section addressed the following Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) responsibilities:

UCR Applications		<b>UCR Mailouts</b>	UCR Audit	UCR Inquiries	
Received	Returned	for 2025	Correspondence	Phone	E-mail
0	0	72	38	23	9

As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 7,992 Alabama carriers (89%) were registered for the 2025 UCR, with 982 remaining unregistered. Our office received funds from the UCR Depository for April online payments processed through the National Registration System (NRS) from 334 carriers domiciled in Alabama and non-participating states.

The staff also assisted motor carriers in making necessary changes to their operating status with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Five MCS-150 forms were processed. One motor carrier had its USDOT number deactivated, and four forms contained updates to the motor carriers' USDOT number data.

Our office received nine For Non-Profit (FNP) quarterly reports for the first quarter of 2025 during the month.

Staff received forty-five 2024 annual reports from household goods and passenger carriers. Fifty-one delinquent letters were mailed to all Household Goods and Passenger carriers that failed to meet the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

In May, two household goods tariffs for Your Carrier LLC (NEW) and The Wes Stewart Corporation dba Stewart Moving & Storage (NEW) were received and accepted. Also, a regular passenger tariff for Baldwin County Non-Emergency Medical Transport LLC (C4173) was accepted.

Staff participated in two passenger carrier hearings held during May for:

- Inspirational NEMT Services Transportation Inc.
- LCS On The Move, LLC dba LCS On The Move

MCS staff, Finance staff, and Legal staff held a call with **Lyft, Inc.** to discuss the results of the independent third-party audit of the local assessment fees submitted to the Commission. Also related to transportation network companies, staff performed the annual records review for **Rasier, LLC (Uber)** during the month. The audit hasn't been closed due to pending information that Uber is working to provide to staff.



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June 24, 2025

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

President Cynthia Lee Almond

Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III

FROM:

John D. Free, Director 193

**Electricity Policy Division** 

**SUBJECT:** 

Agenda – July 1, 2025 Commission Meeting

The Electricity Policy Division will present the following items at the July 1, 2025 Commission Meeting.

#### **ELECTRICITY**

#### **ALABAMA POWER COMPANY**

Dockets 18117 Division Re

Division Report on Rate RSE and Rate ECR as of May 31, 2025

18416; 18148 The Electricity Policy Division performed the regular monthly examination of the books and records of Alabama Power Company. Below is a table containing selected financial highlights concerning Rate RSE and Rate ECR. Additionally, the Division's calculations and determination of the December 2025 Weighted Return on Average Retail Common Equity (WRRCE), actualized through May 2025, can be found on page 2 of this

report.

Rate RSE Forecast	Rate ECR Summary
12 Months Ending	Energy Cost Over/(Under)
<b>DECEMBER 31, 2025</b>	Recovered for
,	MAY 2025
6.30%	
WRRCE	(\$9,176,857)

<sup>\*</sup>The authorized Weighted Return on Average Retail Common Equity Range is 5.75% - 6.15%.

#### ELECTRICITY POLICY DIVISION

# Alabama Power Company Weighted Return on Average Retail Common Equity Calculation Forecast - 12 Months Ending December 31, 2025

Common Equity as of May 31, 2025		\$13,610,990,743			
Add Budgeted Net Income:					
June through December 2025	\$963,422,844				
Add Budgeted Capital Contributions:					
June through December 2025	\$55,848,992				
Add Other Adjustments:					
June through December 2025	\$0	\$1,019,271,836			
Deduct Budgeted Stock Dividends:					
June through December 2025	\$600,348,726	\$600,348,726			
Projected Common Equity for December 31, 2025		\$14,029,913,852			
Projected Average Common Equity					
For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2025		\$13,748,954,072			
Projected Retail Investment Separation Factor		94.94%			
Projected Average Retail Common Equity					
For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2025		\$13,053,256,996			
Projected Retail Net Income					
For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2025		\$1,510,250,968			
Projected Common Equity Percentage of Capital Structure					
For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2025		54.44%			
Projected Weighted Return on Average Retail Common Equity (WRRCE)					
For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2025		6.30%			

As of May 31, 2025, the Common Equity (Actual) was adjusted using net income, payment of Common Stock and Preferred Stock dividends, Capital Contributions, and Other Adjustments from the Company's 2025 budget. The average common equity is a 12-month average using both actual and budgeted data. The average retail common equity (RCE) was calculated using the retail separation factor of 94.94%. The retail net income (RNI) for average common equity and the common equity percentage (CEP) were calculated using actual data for the five months ended May 31, 2025, and then adding seven months of budget data for June through December 2025. The Other Adjustments, if any, result from the Company adopting FASB Statement 123 (R), which requires reporting stock option expenses.

The Forecast is subject to change due to uncertainties associated with weather, customer usage patterns, and economic conditions across the state.



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

June 25, 2025

TO:

Commission President Cynthia Lee Almond

Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III.

**Division Directors** 

FROM:

Legal Division

SUBJ ECT:

Agenda - July 1, 2025 Commission Meeting

The Legal Division will present the following at the July 1, 2025 Commission

Meeting:

**DOCKET C-21244** 

(B) - Petition of Pulaski Company & Sons LLC, of Boaz, Alabama, for

approval of cargo self-insurance.

**Recommend:** Approval

**DOCKET 33521** 

(B) - Petition of Williams Transportation/Logistics LLC, of Mobile,

Alabama, to suspend operations under Motor Carrier Certificate F5471

for a period of one year.

Recommend: Grant one-year suspension

**DOCKET C-20975** 

(B) - Petition of Mobile Home Movers of Alabama LLC d/b/a Mobile

Home Movers, of Ashford, Alabama, for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate F5101 which was revoked due to Petitioner's failure to

acquire current vehicle registration.

Recommend: Grant/Reinstatement

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#### **DOCKET 33119**

(B) - Motor Carrier Certificate F5262 held by Proven Transport LLC, of Greensboro, Alabama, was suspended by Commission Order dated June 12, 2024, for a period of one year. Proven Transport LLC has failed to notify the Commission of its intent to recommence operations or relinquish Motor Carrier Certificate F5262 despite a request by Commission staff to do so.

Recommend: Cancellation on 30-days' notice

#### **DOCKET 33588**

(B) - Show Cause proceeding for AIBEK Inc, of Ashford, Alabama, for failure to respond to audit inquiries for 2025 Unified Carrier Registration.

**Recommend:** Issuance of an order establishing a show cause proceeding for AIBEK Inc.

#### **DOCKET 33589**

(M) - Application of Chasing Properties, LLC d/b/a Transition Solutions, of Mobile, Alabama, for a Certificate to transport household goods.

Recommend: Grant certificate and approval of tariff

#### **DOCKET 33571**

(M) Unopposed common carrier application of Trinity Non-Emergency Transportation LLC, of Opelika, Alabama, for a certificate to transport passengers. The Applicant waived its right to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing.

**Recommend:** Grant

#### **DOCKET 33572**

(M) - Unopposed common carrier application of Good Hands Transport/Transporter LLC, of Birmingham, Alabama, for a certificate to transport passengers. DTB of Alabama, LLC filed an untimely protest, did not respond to a Procedural Ruling, and failed to appear at the hearing, therefore, this application proceeded unopposed. The Applicant waived its right to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing.

**Recommend:** Grant

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#### **DOCKET 33504**

(G) - Formal complaint filed by Mary-Brooke Odom against Alabama Power Company alleging 1) a violation of the Alabama Deceptive Trade Practices Act (ADTPA), Alabama Code §8-19-1 et seq; 2) price gouging in violation of Alabama's Price Gouging Statute found at Alabama Code §8-31-1 et seq; 3) unjust enrichment; 4) Fraud and 5) violation of universal commercial (UCC) §3-603 for improperly refusing to accept a tendered payment via check. Alabama Power filed a Motion to Dismiss Ms. Odom's formal complaint asserting that Ms. Odom failed to fully and completely demonstrate or otherwise advise Alabama Power and the Commission of potential violation of a law, rule or regulation by the Company as required by Rule 9 (A)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice. Alabama Power filed additional information supporting its Motion to Dismiss in response to a Procedural Ruling issued by the Ms. Odom filed a Response to Alabama Power's Commission. submission of additional information and requested an extension of time.

**Recommend:** Denial of Ms. Odom's request for an extension of time and Dismissal of the formal complaint of Ms. Odom. Alabama Power's Motion to Dismiss addressed each of Ms. Odom's claims and explained in detail why her first three claims are barred by the filed rate doctrine; her fourth claim failed to sufficiently allege a state claim of fraud; and her fifth claim failed to establish a violation of any provision of the Uniform Commercial Code.