



**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
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LUKE D. BENTLEY IV, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**SPIRE GULF INC.,**

**Respondent.**

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF  
ALABAMA,**

**Intervenor.**

**ENERGY ALABAMA,**

**Intervenor.**

**INVESTIGATION OF THE TERMS OF  
RATE STABILIZATION AND  
EQUALIZATION**

**DOCKET 28101  
CASE NO. 2026-1**

**PROCEDURAL RULING**

A virtual status conference was held on June 16, 2026, to address a motion to intervene, the scope of this proceeding, and scheduling matters.

On June 15, 2026, Energy Alabama filed a motion to intervene. Counsel for Energy Alabama appeared at the status conference in support of this motion. There was discussion on Energy Alabama's intended level of participation in the case. Counsel for Spire Gulf Inc. did not object but reserved the right to object at a later date. Energy Alabama's motion to intervene is hereby granted.

To facilitate an efficient proceeding, the parties were asked to address the scope of this investigation. As a result of that discussion, the following issues related to RSE were identified as requiring resolution:

Return on Equity ("ROE")

ROE Range

Term of RSE

Cost Control Mechanism


Customer Charge

Additionally, the parties recognized an agreement on the points of test within RSE, but the agreed-upon points of test must also be established in this proceeding. I intend to limit the scope of the proceeding to the issues identified above. If the parties disagree on the scope, notify the Commission by filing as soon as possible.

The parties discussed scheduling matters to enable the undersigned to make a recommendation to the Commission at the September 2026 meeting. To meet that deadline, a hearing in this matter will be scheduled for August 7, 2026, with public notice to be issued by the Secretary. The parties are permitted to submit pre-filed testimony in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice.

IT IS SO RULED.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

  
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Luke D. Bentley IV  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

c: All parties of record