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IN RE: SPECIAL ELECTRIC RULES **DOCKET 33749**

ORDER INSTITUTING A RULEMAKING PROCEEDING

BY THE COMMISSION:

Rule E-2(A) of the Special Electric Rules (Ala. Admin. Code Section 770-X-3-.02(1)) outlines the height requirements for meters installed at customer premises, as follows:

> (1) All Meters
> (a) The center of meters hereafter installed shall not be more than five (5) or less than four (4) feet above final grade of floor level.
> (b) When metering for seven (7) or more apartments grouped on one wall, the center of meters hereafter installed may be as high as six (6) feet above final grade of floor level.

The meter requirements in Rule E-2(A) have been in place for decades, dating back to when meters were manually read, and reflect specifications for older meter equipment. These requirements sometimes create compliance issues for certain meter types and could be amended to allow flexibility without affecting safety.

Therefore, recognizing changes to the available meter equipment, the Commission proposes amending Rule E-2(A) as follows:

> (1) All Meters
> (a) The center of meters hereafter installed shall not be more than five (5) or less than four (4) feet above final grade or floor level.
> (b) When metering for three (3) or more apartments with vertical gang socket(s) grouped on one wall, the center of meters hereafter installed may be a maximum height of 72 inches and minimum height of 30 inches above final grade or floor level.

To ensure these proposed changes accommodate the metering equipment currently available while maintaining safety, the Commission requests public comments, including from Alabama Power Company.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION that a rulemaking proceeding is initiated to consider the above-stated proposed changes to Rule E-2(A) of the Special Electric Rules.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION that the Commission will consider comments from interested parties concerning the matters presented above, provided that said comments are properly filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before the close of business on November 13, 2026. All comments received will be posted on the Commission's website at www.psc.alabama.gov.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION that the Commission will consider reply comments from interested parties provided that said reply comments are properly filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before the close of business on November 20, 2026. All reply comments will also be posted on the website.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 3rd day of November, 2026.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST: A True Copy

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