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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 1, 2026

TO: Commissioner Cynthia Lee Almond
Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden
Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III

FROM: Jeff Johnston, Director *JJ*
Utility Services Division

SUBJECT: Agenda for April 7, 2026 Commission Meeting.

The following items will be presented to the Commission during the regular April 7, 2026 Commission Meeting.

CONSUMER SERVICES REPORT

CONSUMER SERVICES ELECTRIC & GAS INQUIRIES

March

| Company | Service Category | Total Inquiries | Service Outage Interruption | Service Quality | Service Connection | Service Disconnected | Billing Issues | Payment Issues | Request Info Only |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Alabama Power | Residential | 33 | | 2 | | 3 | 20 | 7 | 1 |
| | Business | 1 | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Spire Alabama | Residential | 3 | | | | | 2 | 1 | |
| | Business | 1 | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Spire Gulf | Residential | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | Business | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | Residential | 36 | | 2 | | 3 | 22 | 8 | 1 |
| | Business | 2 | | | | | 2 | | |

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 | 4 | | 4 | | | | | | |
| Business | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 4 | | 4 | | | | | | |
| Not Under PSC Jurisdiction | 4 | | 4 | | | | | | |
| Under PSC Jurisdiction | | | | | | | | | |

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|---|---|
| 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 | 4 |

| Referred Inquiries (Waived Complaint Jurisdiction) | |
|---|----------|
| Residential | 3 |
| Business | 0 |
| TOTAL | 3 |

| TOTAL TELECOM INQUIRIES | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---|----------------|
| Under PSC Complaint Jurisdiction | Waived Complaint Jurisdiction (Referrals) | Received But Not Under PSC Jurisdiction | Total Received |
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 |

Gas Agenda

NATURAL GAS

Docket 18046 and SPIRE ALABAMA INC. -- Division Report on Rate RSE as of February
18328 28, 2026

Based on preliminary figures as of February 28, 2026, the projected RSE return on average common equity for the rate year ending September 30, 2026, was 9.70 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 February 28,
2026

Based on preliminary figures as of February 28, 2026, the projected RSE return on average common equity for the rate year ending September 30, 2026, was 8.85 percent. The authorized return on average common equity is 9.70 to 10.30 percent.

Water Agenda

WASTEWATER

Docket 31182 BIO-FLOW, INC. -- Petition by Bio-Flow, Inc. to Increase Residential and Unoccupied Lot rates. Also adds a \$5.00 rate rider to fund a capital reserve account and increases Tap Fees. Effective date is May 1, 2026.
Recomend Suspension.

Telecommunication Agenda

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT (S)

- Docket U-5501 BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC DBA AT&T ALABAMA AND WIDE VOICE LLC -- Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC. d/b/a AT&T Alabama or AT&T Southeast and Wide Voice, LLC pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

AMENDED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT (S)

- Docket U-4942 BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC d/b/a AT&T ALABAMA or AT&T SOUTHEAST -- Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama or AT&T Southeast and Enteleget Solutions, Inc pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Recommend Approval.

CANCELLATION/WITHDRAWAL (S)

- Docket 27991 CUSTOM TELECONNECT INC -- Request to Cancel Authority to provide Long Distance Resale and Alternate Operator Telecommunications Services Filed March 10, 2026 with an immediate effective date. Company has no customers, so no customers will be affected. Recommend Approval.
- Docket 33419 CNS NETWORKS LLC -- Approval to cancel Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and withdraw Tariff. Certificate granted under this docket on March 5, 2024 ; however, the company failed to enter into any interconnection agreements, despite two extensions granted by the PSC. By notice received March 19, 2026, the Company stated it has no customers and requests withdrawal of its Certificate and Tariff. Recommend Approval.

DOCKET 32151 - TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS FILING NOTICE OF THEIR ELECTION TO WAIVE THE COMMISSION'S RETAIL SERVICE COMPLAINT AND DISPUTE JURISDICTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH §37-2A-4(K) of ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE ACT 2014-082.

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| <p>MARCH 2026 ELECTIONS:</p> <p>NONE</p> <p>PRIOR ELECTIONS:</p> <p>ACN Communications Services, Inc.</p> <p>BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama (Effective June 1, 2014)</p> <p>CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink</p> <p>Knology of Alabama, Inc. d/b/a WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone</p> <p>Knology of the Valley, Inc. d/b/a WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone</p> <p>Knology Total Communications, Inc. d/b/a WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone</p> <p>Frontier Communications of Alabama, LLC</p> <p>Frontier Communications of Lamar County, LLC</p> <p>Frontier Communications of the South, LLC</p> <p>Gulf Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink</p> <p>McLeodUSA Telecommunication Services</p> <p>National Telephone of Alabama, Inc.</p> | <p>.</p> <p>Network Telephone Corporation</p> <p>Paetec Communications, Inc.</p> <p>Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc.</p> <p>Spectrotel of Alabama, LLC</p> <p>TEC of Jackson, Inc.</p> <p>The Other Phone Company</p> <p>US LEC of Alabama, LLC</p> <p>Valley Telephone Co., LLC d/b/a WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone</p> <p>Wiregrass Telecom, Inc. d/b/a WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone</p> <p>Windstream Alabama, LLC</p> <p>Windstream Communications, Inc.</p> <p>Windstream KDL, Inc.</p> <p>Windstream Norlight, Inc.</p> <p>Windstream NuVox, Inc.</p> <p>YMax Communications Corp.</p> |
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2026

TO: President Cynthia Lee Almond
Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden
Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III.

FROM: Jonathan M Kimbril, Director *JMK*
Gas Pipeline Safety Division

SUBJECT: Agenda for April 7th, 2026, Commission Meeting

The following items will be presented to the Commission during the regular April 7th, 2026, Commission Meeting.

GAS PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION ACTIVITIES
February 2026

Inspections

During the month of February, a total of sixty (60) inspections were conducted utilizing one hundred and seventeen (117) person-days. The inspections are as follows:

| | | STANDARD INSPECTION | CONSTRUCTION | OPERATOR QUALIFICATION | PUBLIC AWARENESS | IMP / DIMP | CONTROL ROOM MGMT | INCIDENT / ACCIDENT | DRUG & ALCOHOL | FOLLOW-UP | OTHER | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|-------|--------------|
| GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS | PRIVATE | | 9 | | | | | | | 2 | | TOTAL |
| | MUNICIPAL | 6 | 12 | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | 13 | | |
| | MASTER METER | 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | LIQUID PROPANE (LP) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | INTRASTATE TRANSMISSION | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | GAS GATHERING | | | | | | | | | 3 | | |
| | OFFSHORE GAS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS | REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | CRUDE OIL | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | HVL FLAMMABLE / TOXIC | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | CARBON DIOXIDE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | BIOFUEL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 10 | 21 | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | 23 | | 60 |

Enforcement Actions

From the sixty (60) inspections shown above, nine (9) enforcement letters were issued citing nineteen (19) non-compliance items. There were nine (9) non-compliance items corrected during the month of February.

Training

Two (2) operator/contractor training sessions were conducted in February, covering possible variations of combinations of the following: polyethylene (PE) plastic fusion, fire response (FR), and regulatory (CFR) training.

- 2/17/2026 Leak City, Athens AL PE 44 Personnel Trained
- 2/18/2026 Fultondale Utilities PE 56 Personnel Trained

Incidents / Accidents

There were two (2) state reportable incidents, and zero (0) federal incidents reported during the month of February.

- 2/4/2026 Tuscumbia Gas Department – A contractor installing Fiber Infrastructure by directional boring struck a Natural Gas main. It damaged approximately 4 ft of main that had to be replaced. There was an active 811-dig ticket.
- 2/19/2026 Russellville Gas Board – A contractor using a bulldozer struck a 4-inch plastic main while doing site work, causing 116 people to lose service for approximately 10 hours. Six feet of main had to be replaced. The contractor did not have an 811-dig ticket at the time.

Miscellaneous

The Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) Division was invited to participate with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Public Awareness and Damage Prevention Team. This invitation was extended directly to the GPS program. The team is tasked with reviewing industry standards for potential development and adoption, as well as collaborating on the development of PHMSA regulatory requirements.

Participation on this team allows GPS to be at the forefront of regulatory development, helping guide changes in a way that strengthens and enhances pipeline safety codes for the benefit of all stakeholders—from regulators to industry, and ultimately to residents and the general public. Public awareness and damage prevention are areas in which GPS currently holds strong subject matter expertise (SME).

In addition, GPS is actively working to further develop expertise in other areas of pipeline safety, including welding, leak surveys, jurisdictional determinations, and operator qualifications. Expanding subject matter expertise (SME) in these areas not only strengthens GPS's ability to perform thorough and technically sound inspections but also allows the Division to help guide regulatory development based on real-world application and field experience. This level of expertise supports more consistent enforcement, improves communication with operators, and ensures that evolving regulations are both practical and effective.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2026
TO: President Cynthia Lee Almond
Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden
Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III
FROM: Amanda D. Shehane, Director ADS
Utility Enforcement Division
SUBJECT: Agenda for the April 7, 2026, Commission Meeting

This memorandum reflects the Utility Enforcement Division’s (UED) report detailing the major tasks, inspections, and activities completed by its staff in February 2026.

RAILWAY SAFETY

The track inspection results below reflect the work of our Railway Safety (RWS) staff in the field.

| Rail Carriers Visited | Regular Track Inspections | Track Defects Identified | Violations Recommended | Track Miles Inspected | Track Turnouts Inspected |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3 | 17 | 25 | 0 | 125 | 48 |

The table below reflects track safety observations in which one non-compliant condition was identified. Twenty-eight roadway workers, bridge workers, and practices were observed.

| Railroad Bridge Observations | Roadway Worker Protection | Roadway Maintenance Machines | Bridge Worker Safety |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6 | 13 | 11 | 0 |

The table below shows the Operating Practices (OP) inspections performed on railroad operations.

| Rail Carriers Visited | Regular OP Inspections | Defects Identified | Violations Recommended | Eqpt. Securement Observed |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 |

The National Response Center (NRC) reported five incidents in February.

1. A 5-car derailment with no injuries or releases in Dothan on **BAYL**.
2. An unoccupied vehicle strike with no injuries in Bessemer on **NS**.
3. A vehicle strike with unknown injuries in Mobile on **CSX**.

4. A 1-car yard derailment with an electric arc dust release in Birmingham on NS.
5. A vehicle strike with unknown injuries in Chelsea on CSX.

There were also three accidents/complaints reported via telephone or email in February.

1. A rough crossing complaint was reported in Tuscaloosa.
2. A blocked crossing complaint was reported in Attalla.
3. A crossing gate malfunction in Theodore on CSX.

The rough crossing complaints were investigated and substantiated by RWS staff. Staff met with railroad officials to discuss the rough highway-grade crossing conditions and seek a resolution. The rail carrier made temporary repairs to the crossing on the day of the complaint. The crossing gate malfunction was reported to the rail carrier for investigation and repairs. The blocked crossing complainant was referred to the FRA blocked crossing complaint online portal.

Staff delivered presentations to approximately 20 railroad employees and contractors in Tennessee at a Railway Education Seminar. The presentations covered bridge worker safety, roadway worker protection, and proper remedial action application.

Interviews were conducted to fill the vacant motive power & equipment inspector position. A selection was made, and the candidate accepted the offer of employment.

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

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

| Vehicle Registration Nos./Decals | Intrastate Applications | | NOL Processed/ Closed Intra Applications | Under Legal Division Review | New Authority Approved | Motor Carrier Authority Inquiries | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|
| | Processed | Returned | | | | Phone | E-mails | Others |
| 26 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 52 | 54 | 48 |

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

| Insurance Filings Received | Revocation Orders | Reinstatement Orders | Miscellaneous Actions | Letters Sent | Insurance Inquiries | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------|
| | | | | | Phone | E-mails |
| 281 | 23 | 25 | 3 | 23 | 67 | 91 |

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

| UCR Applications | | UCR Mailouts for 2026 | UCR Audit Correspondence | UCR Inquiries | |
|------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Received | Returned | | | Phone | E-mail |
| 6 | 3 | 132 | 42 | 84 | 24 |

As of February 28th, there were 7,379 Alabama carriers (83%) registered for the 2026 UCR, leaving 1,467 unregistered. Our office received funds from the UCR Depository for January online payments processed through the National Registration System (NRS) from 1,286 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). Seventeen MCS-150 forms were processed. Nine motor carriers had their USDOT numbers deactivated, and eight forms contained updates to the motor carriers' USDOT number data.

Staff participated in the UCR Board call and UCR Finance Subcommittee call during the month.

A total of 160 household goods and passenger carrier annual reports for the year ending 2025 were mailed in February.

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

In February, a passenger tariff for **Alabama Capital Group, LLC dba Reserve Black (C4195)** and a household goods supplement for **Macon Trading Post, Inc. dba Trading Post (C3199)** were accepted.

During the month, a passenger carrier audit was completed for **David L. Grimes, Jr. dba Ace Limousine (C3865)**. The carrier advised that they are currently operating solely within the city limits but wish to keep their authority with the Commission.

Staff participated in three passenger carrier hearings held during February for:

- **People's Ride Transit Services LLC**
- **Lake Martin Lift, LLC**
- **Keys Party & Luxury Transportation LLC**



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March 31, 2026

MEMORANDUM

**TO: President Cynthia Lee Almond
Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden
Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III**

**FROM: John D. Free, Director *JDF*
Electricity Policy Division**

SUBJECT: Agenda – April 7, 2026 Commission Meeting

The Electricity Policy Division will present the following items at the April 7, 2026 Commission Meeting.

ELECTRICITY

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

Dockets 18117 Division Report on Rate RSE and Rate ECR as of February 28, 2026
and
18416; The Electricity Policy Division performed the regular monthly examination
18148 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 2026 Weighted Return on Average Retail Common Equity
(WRRCE), actualized through February 2026, can be found on page 2 of
this report.

| Rate RSE Forecast | Rate ECR Summary |
|---|---|
| 12 Months Ending DECEMBER 31, 2026 6.10% WRRCE | Energy Cost Over/(Under) Recovered for FEBRUARY 2026 \$366,440 |

**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, 2026

| | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Common Equity as of February 28, 2026 | | \$14,220,631,209 |
| Add Budgeted Net Income: | | |
| March through December 2026 | \$1,266,858,816 | |
| Add Budgeted Capital Contributions: | | |
| March through December 2026 | \$113,447,126 | |
| Add Other Adjustments: | | |
| March through December 2026 | \$0 | \$1,380,305,942 |
| Deduct Budgeted Stock Dividends: | | |
| March through December 2026 | \$916,558,061 | \$916,558,061 |
| Projected Common Equity for December 31, 2026 | | \$14,684,379,090 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Projected Average Common Equity | | |
| For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2026 | | \$14,385,925,582 |
| Projected Retail Investment Separation Factor | | 97.83% |
| Projected Average Retail Common Equity | | |
| For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2026 | | \$14,073,750,997 |
| Projected Retail Net Income | | |
| For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2026 | | \$1,580,321,376 |
| Projected Common Equity Percentage of Capital Structure | | |
| For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2026 | | 54.33% |
| Projected Weighted Return on Average Retail Common Equity (WRRCE) | | |
| For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2026 | | 6.10% |

As of February 28, 2026, 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 2026 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 97.83%. The retail net income (RNI) for average common equity and the common equity percentage (CEP) were calculated using actual data for the two months ended February 28, 2026, and then adding ten months of budget data for March through December 2026. 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.

ELECTRICITY POLICY DIVISION AGENDA

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Docket U-5502 On March 6, 2026, and consistent with the requirements of *Alabama Code* § 37-4-22, Alabama Power Company (“the Company”) proposed a twenty-year Energy Supply Agreement between itself and The Brewer-Garrett Company and a corresponding contract for electric service between the Company and the United States Air Force, as Ordering Agency for electric service to the Gunter Annex of Maxwell Air Force Base.

As explained more fully in the Company’s filing, the purpose of the contracts is to facilitate an energy resiliency and conservation project that is being constructed at the Gunter Annex. The Alabama Public Service Commission Staff has reviewed the detailed project information provided by the Company and determined that these contracts are in the public interest. The Project is expected to commence commercial operation in the Fall of 2027.

Recommendation: Approval



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2026

TO: Commission President Cynthia Lee Almond
Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden
Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III.
Division Directors

FROM: Legal Division

SUBJECT: Agenda - April 7, 2026 Commission Meeting

The Legal Division will present the following at the April 7, 2026 Commission Meeting:

DOCKET 33670 (M) - Unopposed common carrier application of M.E.R.C.Y Int LLC, of Dothan, Alabama, for a certificate to transport passengers. Hearing was held on March 24, 2026, in which staff participated. The Applicant waived its right to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing.

Recommend: Grant

DOCKET 33662 (M) - Unopposed common carrier application of TrueCare Transportation Inc., of Mobile, Alabama, for a certificate to transport passengers. Hearing was held on March 24, 2026, in which staff participated. The Applicant waived its right to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing.

Recommend: Grant

DOCKET C-21456 (M) - Petition of Howard Tire and Automotive Services, Inc., of Columbiana, Alabama, for approval of cargo self-insurance.

Recommend: Approve

DOCKET C-21399 (M) - Petition of Harbaugh & Sons Construction Co., Inc., of Huntsville, Alabama, for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate F3385 which was revoked due to Petitioner's failure to maintain proper proof of liability insurance coverage. Petitioner submitted documentation that showed their liability insurance coverage required by law is now in effect.

Recommend: Grant/Reinstatement

DOCKET 33664 (M) - Petition of Wire 3 LLC, of Rochester, New York, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications services. A hearing was held on March 11, 2026, in which Commission Staff participated.

Recommend: Approve

DOCKET 33525 (B) - Petition of Alabama Water Utilities, Inc. and Shelby Ridge Utility Systems, LLC for the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity. Alabama Water Utilities, Inc. also filed a notice pursuant to Ala. Code § 37-4-161, electing Commission jurisdiction for affiliated wastewater systems, and requesting that such election be addressed in this proceeding. A hearing was held on March 10, 2026, in which Petitioners, the Office of the Attorney General, and Commission Staff appeared and participated.

Recommend: Grant the Petition for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Alabama Water Utilities, Inc., authorizing the operation of the wastewater systems identified in the Petition, including facilities operated through its subsidiary, Shelby Ridge Utility Systems, LLC, and those affiliated systems for which the Notice of Election was filed under Ala. Code § 37-4-161.

Notify Alabama Water Utilities, Inc. that if it does not initiate a general rate proceeding on or before June 1, 2026, the Commission will initiate an investigation into the rates and charges. Pursuant to Ala. Const. § 58-11.21 and Ala. Code § 37-4-161, until the Commission determines applicable rates and charges to be imposed on these customers, the rates and charges shall be the utility's most recent published rate. Alabama Water Utilities, Inc. also holds a certificate of financial viability for systems formerly owned and operated by Community Utilities of Alabama, Inc. The rates and charges for the former Community Utilities of Alabama, Inc. customers remain in place.