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ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RECEIVES PRAISE FOR NEW ETHICS POLICY

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Public Service Commission received praise from the Cruthirds Report for strengthening the Commission’s ethics policy. The Cruthirds Report stated:

Alabama’s new commissioners – Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh and Terry Dunn – hit the ground running by helping adopt a new & improved set of ethics rules to govern commissioners and staffers. The action may indicate the Alabama PSC will join its neighbors to the west by becoming more responsive to consumers and less responsive to entrenched interests.

The report went on to say that “[t]he Alabama PSC has never been viewed as a reform-minded state commission but the two new commissioners sound like they want to make some changes in the way the Alabama PSC operates and is perceived.”

In response to this report, Commissioner Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh said “at our first Commission meeting we passed the strongest ethics policy in the Commission’s history, and I am glad to know that our message was loud and clear. The people of Alabama demanded stronger ethics, and this new ethics policy ensures a fair hearing at the Public Service Commission. Also, I want to commend the Alabama Legislature for working tirelessly during the special session to pass sweeping ethics reform.”

The Cruthirds Report is a monthly report that monitors state and federal regulatory developments affecting electricity and natural gas markets in the southeast US. For more information about the Cruthirds Report, their website is <http://www.thecruthirdsreport.com/default.asp>.