

APSC Doc-less Intervention in APCO's Inter-regional Compliance Filing

Deadline to file is Sept 9, 2013

Alabama's Draft Doc-less Motion to Intervene

The Alabama Public Service Commission ("APSC") regulates essential utility services throughout much of Alabama, including the electric utility service provided by Alabama Power Company ("Alabama Power"). The APSC possesses broad regulatory authority and has the responsibility of balancing the interests of its regulated utilities with those of the consuming public, with the ultimate goal being the provision of reliable service at rates that are fair and reasonable. Additionally, the APSC must approve the construction of all new transmission facilities, except extensions of existing systems in the usual course of business.

This proceeding concerns the compliance filing of Southern Company Services, Inc., acting as agent for Alabama Power, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, and Mississippi Power Company, submitted on July 10, 2013 in response to Order No. 1000's interregional planning requirements. Given the APSC's general supervisory responsibility over Alabama Power, its charge of ensuring fair retail rates, and its certification authority over new transmission facilities, the APSC has a strong interest in this proceeding that cannot be represented by any other party. Section 37-1-47 of the Alabama Code authorizes the APSC to participate in matters such as these when the APSC finds that it is in the best interests of the utility ratepayers. The intervention of the APSC in this matter is, therefore, essential.