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Official Statement from the Alabama Public Service Commission Regarding Alabama Power Company Rate Increase

Major sources of fuel for electricity generation have increased dramatically since Jan. 20, 2021, when President Biden took office.

Comparisons prior to Jan. 20, 2021-present:

- Coal prices have nearly doubled.
- The natural gas spot price averaged \$2.71 January 2021 and has increased 2.5 times to more than \$6, presently, and four times (more than \$10) during the most recent summer months.

Alabamians will now see the consequences of the punitive energy policy coming out of the Biden administration.

Rising fuel costs brought on by the Biden administration's energy policies have sparked recent fuel increases for Alabama Power Company (APC) that will be passed along to its customers.

The Alabama Public Service Commission (APSC) agreed on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, to modify the charge for fuel for APC customers from 2.557 cents per kilowatt hour to 3.51 cents, effective Dec. 1, 2022. The APSC was hopeful inflation would weaken and lead to lower fuel costs, but that is unlikely in the near future.

This fuel cost increase does not allow APC any profit. The increase is a pass-through charge for customers that covers the upsurging fuel cost. Currently, there is more than \$500 million that has been under-recovered by APC.