

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HELD Tuesday, November 4, 2025

The November 2025 meeting of the Alabama Public Service Commission was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, in the Carl L. Evans Chief Administrative Law Judge Hearing Room Complex, 100 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Commission President Cynthia Lee Almond called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden and Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III, present. The following staff members were also present: John Garner, Chief Administrative Law Judge and Executive Director; Chad Mason, Administrative Law Judge; Amanda Shehane, Utility Enforcement Division Director; Devon Beaty, PSC Transportation Regulatory Manager; John Free, Electricity Policy Division Director; Jerry DeLancey, Administrative Support Assistant; Patricia Smith and Donald Powell, Public Utility Analyst Managers; Aquilla Spivey, Consumer Service Manager; Stacie Berry, Tanya Champion and Matthew Singleton, Public Utility Analysts; William Partlow, Staff Accountant; Aisha Smith, Technical Assistant to Commissioner Oden; Robin Bonney, Administrative Support Assistant; Mary Caitlyn Montgomery, Technical Assistant to Commissioner Beeker; Kaitlyn Rayborn, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Beeker; Janey Whitney, Technical Assistant to Commissioner Almond; Hanna Lombardi, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Almond; Kay Oswalt, Information Systems Manager; Chalandra Tolliver, IT Technicians; Dana Cheek, Programmer Analyst; Jackie Mack and Barbara Smith, Administrative Support Assistants; Walter L. Thomas Jr., Secretary of the Commission.

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Commissioner Almond noted that the public was informed of today's Commission meeting by notice dated October 1, 2025.

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Commissioner Oden opened the meeting with a prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Commissioner Almond opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2025, Commission Meeting.

Upon being motioned by Commissioner Oden and seconded by Commissioner Beeker, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

UTILITY SERVICES DIVISION

Mr. Jeff Johnston reported for the Utility Services Division on Consumer Service Complaint Inquiries for the period of October 2025 as follows: Alabama Power Company had seventeen residential and zero business inquiries, Spire Alabama had three residential inquiries and zero business inquiries, and Spire Gulf had zero residential and zero business inquiries. There was a total of twenty-one telecommunication inquiries, consisting of four under Public Service Commission Complaint jurisdiction, twelve were referred back to the companies since the complaint jurisdiction was waived, and five were not under Public Service Commission jurisdiction.

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Mr. Johnston reported on Formal Dockets 18046 and 18328, Spire Alabama Inc., Division Report on Rate RSE as of September 30, 2025. Mr. Johnston reported on Rate RSE for Spire Alabama Inc., based on preliminary figures as of September 30, 2025, the projected RSE return on average common equity for the rate year ending September 30, 2025, was 9.85 percent. The authorized return on average common equity is 9.50 to 9.90 percent.

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Mr. Johnston reported on Formal Docket 28101, Spire Gulf Inc., Division Report on Rate RSE as of September 30, 2025. Based on preliminary figures as of September 30, 2025, the projected RSE return on average common equity for the rate year ending September 30, 2025, was 9.01 percent. The authorized return on average common equity is 9.70 to 10.30 percent.

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Mr. Johnston reported on Docket U-4330, Spire Alabama Inc. Application for Approval of an Amendment #6 to the Special Services Agreement between Spire Alabama Inc and Alabama Power (formerly Tenaska Alabama II Partner, LP.) and recommended approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Oden and seconded by Commissioner Beeker, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the recommendation for approval.

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Mr. Johnston reported on Docket U-5495, Spire Gulf Inc. Application for Approval of a Transportation Service Agreement between Spire Gulf Inc. and Mobile Energy LLC and recommended approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Beeker and seconded by Commissioner Oden, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the recommendation for approval.

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Mr. Johnston reported on Docket 26104 Consolidated Communications of Florida Company Inc. to change the company name to adopt two assumed business names: Consolidated Communications of Florida Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications - CCFL d/b/a Fidium - CCFL. Revises tariff to reflect changes. Filed September 19, 2025, with a requested effective date of October 19, 2025, and recommended approval, and

Mr. Johnston reported on Docket 31047 Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services LLC to change the company name to Fidium Enterprise Services, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications d/b/a Fidium. Filed October 8, 2025, with a requested immediate effective date and recommended approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Oden and seconded by Commissioner Beeker, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the recommendations for approval.

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Mr. Johnston noted final items were for information purposes only and require no action by the Commissioners.

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GAS PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Mr. Jonathan Kimbril reported for the Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) Division Agenda on the following inspections during the month of September 2025.

Inspections

During the month of September, a total of seventy-two (72) inspections were conducted utilizing one hundred and twenty-three (123) in person-days. The inspections are as follows.

		STANDARD INSPECTION	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATOR QUALIFICATION	PUBLIC AWARENESS	IMP / DIMP	CONTROL ROOM MGMT	INCIDENT / ACCIDENT	SECTION 114	DRUG & ALCOHOL	FOLLOW-UP	
GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS	PRIVATE	1	1	1		1			1		1	TOTAL
	MUNICIPAL	11	5	8	2				9	3	16	
	MASTER METER			1							3	
	LIQUID PROPANE (LP)											
	LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)											
	INTRASTATE TRANSMISSION	3			1					1	1	
	GAS GATHERING											
	OFFSHORE GAS											
LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS	REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS											
	CRUDE OIL	1		1								
	HVL FLAMMABLE / TOXIC											
	CARBON DIOXIDE											
	BIOFUEL											
TOTALS		16	6	11	3	1			10	4	21	72

Enforcement Actions

From the seventy-two (72) inspections shown above, seven (7) enforcement letters of notification were issued leading to twenty (20) non-compliance items. There were thirty-four (34) non-compliance items corrected during the month of September.

Training

Two (2) operator/contractor training sessions on Polyethylene (PE) plastic fusion and zero (0) fire response (FR) training were conducted in September:

- 9/03/2025 Pickens County Gas PE 12 Personnel Trained
- 9/24/2025 Sylacauga Utilities PE 34 Personnel Trained

Incidents/Accidents

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

- 9/10/2025 Huntsville Utilities - During tie-in work on a new section of main, Huntsville Gas employees closed a valve to reduce pressure and gas flow in the area. A second valve located at another point in the system was intended to remain open to maintain gas supply at a reduced pressure during the operation. However, this second valve had previously been left in the closed position, resulting in a complete loss of gas flow. As a result, approximately 160 customers experienced a service outage until the tie-in work was completed and service was restored.
- 9/03/2025 Spire Gulf - A contractor struck a 4" PE Main while excavating. Contractor did not have a ticket. The contractor was reported to the Alabama Under Ground Damage Prevention Authority.

Miscellaneous

The Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) Division has begun implementing a new training approach for all personnel. GPS has partnered with Energy World Net (EWN) to provide 79 web-based training tasks designed to meet industry standards established by ASME B31Q. This partnership allows GPS inspectors to complete the same training used by many natural gas distribution operators throughout Alabama, promoting consistency and alignment across the state.

Under this program, each training module must be renewed every three years, ensuring that GPS staff receive ongoing instruction relevant to situations they may encounter in daily field operations. In addition to inspectors, office staff will also be enrolled to help develop a foundational understanding of code sections referenced in inspection documentation and how those codes apply to field conditions.

This initiative represents an important step in developing the GPS Division's comprehensive training standards. As GPS transitions to a structured training matrix, each inspector will be required to complete two methods of training in order to be considered fully qualified to perform all types of inspections independently.

UTILITY ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Mrs. Amanda Shehane reported from the Utility Enforcement Division's report describing the major tasks, inspections and activities accomplished by its staff during the month of September 2025.

Railway Safety

The track inspection results below reflect activity by 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
8	24	64	0	106	170

The table below reflects track safety observations in which no non-compliant conditions were identified. Thirty-three roadway workers, bridge workers, and practices were observed.

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

The data in the table below was collected from Motive Power & Equipment (MP&E) inspections performed on locomotives, freight cars, tank cars, and other railroad equipment.

Rail Carriers Visited	Regular Eqpt. Inspections	Defects Identified	Violations Recommended	Number of Units Inspected
5	8	48	0	317

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	7	7	0	6

The table below shows observations completed by the MP&E and OP Inspectors in which no non-compliant conditions were identified.

Air Brake Tests	Blue Flag Protection	End of Train Devices
1	2	0

The data below reflects both track and MP&E inspectors' record inspection reviews on railroad inspections, repair records, and highway grade crossings.

	Track Inspection Records	MP&E Railcar & Locomotive Repair Records	Highway Grade Crossings
Inspections	0	1	2
Units Inspected	0	29	13
Defects	0	0	0

The National Response Center (NRC) reported five incidents in September:

1. An argon gas release due to a faulty valve in Birmingham on NS.
2. A trespasser strike with injury requiring life-flight in Athens on CSX.
3. A vehicle strike with fatal injuries in Hartselle on CSX.
4. A vehicle strike with unknown injuries in Dothan on CSX.
5. A mainline 23-car derailment with no injuries or releases in Parrish on NS.

There were also two complaints, and one injury reported via telephone or email in September.

1. A grade crossing ride quality/safety complaint was reported in Reform.
2. A grade crossing ride quality/safety complaint was reported in Boaz.
3. A bridge worker injury in Tuscaloosa on ABS.

Both crossing complaints were investigated by inspection staff. While there were no regulatory deficiencies identified, staff discussed the degrading conditions of the crossings with railroad personnel, and the railroad made plans for repairs. Both complaints were closed.

The mainline derailment involved hazardous material cars, but there were no ruptures or releases. RWS staff is investigating the derailment in a concerted effort with the FRA. No cause has been identified, and the accident is still under investigation.

Operating Practices inspection staff participated in an audit of railroad operational testing requirements and railroad Part 217 program compliance in Mobile on the Alabama Export Railroad with FRA OP inspectors. The OP inspector also participated in training for his FRA OP Fundamentals 2 course in Pueblo, CO, and is progressing well through his training.

Motor Carrier Services

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

Vehicle Registrati on Numbers	Intrastate Applications		NOL Processed/ Closed Intra Applications	Under Legal Division Review	New Authority Approved	Motor Carrier Authority Inquiries		
	Processed	Returned				Phone	E-mails	Other s
16	14	3	5	11	8	62	49	10

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
300	23	20	3	31	51	197

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

UCR Applications		UCR Mailouts for 2025	UCR Audit Correspondence	UCR Inquiries	
Received	Returned			Phone	E-mail
0	0	65	31	45	23

As of September 30th, 8,790 Alabama carriers (93%) were registered for the 2025 UCR, with 646 remaining unregistered. Our office received funds from the UCR Depository for August online payments processed through the National Registration System (NRS) from 218 carriers domiciled in Alabama and non-participating states. The 2024 UCR registration year closed at the end of September with 9,971 Alabama carriers (97%) registered, leaving 355 unregistered.

The staff also assisted motor carriers in making necessary changes to their operating status with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Four MCS-150 forms contained updates to the motor carriers' USDOT number data.

MCS staff participated in the UCR Board meeting call and the UCR Finance Subcommittee call during the month.

In September, one passenger tariff for Jefferson and Jefferson Express, L.L.C. (C4172) was rejected due to formatting issues.

Staff participated in one passenger carrier hearing held during September for:

- Reliable Rides Caring Service, LLC

ELECTRICITY POLICY DIVISION

Mrs. Patricia Smith reported on Alabama Power Company's Weighted Return on Average Retail Common Equity Calculation for the 12 Months Ended December 31, 2025.

Mrs. Smith reported on Formal Dockets 18117 and 18416; 18148 Division Report on Rate RSE and Rate ECR as of September 30, 2025. The Electricity Policy Division performed the regular monthly examination of the books and records of Alabama Power Company and found a 6.56% Weighted Return on Average Retail Common Equity for the 12 months ending December 31, 2025, and Energy Cost Over Recovered by \$3,571,750 for September 2025.

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Mr. John Free reported for the Electricity Policy Division on Formal Docket U-5496. On October 20, 2025, Alabama Power Company ("Alabama Power" or the "Company") submitted for approval with the Alabama Public Service Commission a Contract for Steam Service between Alabama Power and SABIC Innovative Plastics US LLC ("SABIC"). Process steam is a byproduct of the Company's certificated cogeneration facility located adjacent to SABIC's manufacturing operations in Burkville, AL, and is used by SABIC as part of those operations and recommended approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Oden and seconded by Commissioner Beeker, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the recommendation for approval.

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LEGAL DIVISION

Judge Luke Bentley reported on the following dockets from the Legal Division Agenda:

DOCKET C-21264, Petition of Statim Logistics, LLC, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate F5464 which was revoked due to Petitioner's failure to maintain proper proof of liability and cargo insurance coverage. Petitioner submitted documentation that showed their liability and cargo insurance coverage required by law is now in effect and recommended to grant reinstatement,

DOCKET C-21296, Petition of Sylvania Truss, Inc, of Sylvania, Alabama, for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate F5209 which was revoked due to Petitioner's failure to maintain proof of liability and cargo insurance coverage. Petitioner submitted documentation that showed their liability and cargo insurance

coverage required by law is now in effect and recommended to grant reinstatement,

DOCKET C-21302, Petition of Geckles Trucking, LLC of Arab, Alabama, for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate F3475 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 and recommended grant reinstatement,

DOCKET C-21318, Petition of M. C. Haulers, LLC, of Ohatchee, Alabama, for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate F1181 which was revoked due to Petitioner's failure to maintain proper proof of cargo insurance coverage. Petitioner submitted documentation that showed their cargo insurance coverage required by law is now in effect and recommended grant reinstatement,

DOCKET 30961, Petition of Dale Easterwood d/b/a Easterwood Trucking, of Delta, Alabama, for cancellation of Motor Carrier Certificate F4115 and recommended grant cancellation as requested,

DOCKET 30153, Petition of Woerner Landscape Source, Inc. of Foley, Alabama, for cancellation of Motor Carrier Certificate F3568 and recommended granting of cancellation as requested, and

DOCKET C-9440, Petition of FedEx Ground Package System, Inc. of Moon Township, Pennsylvania, for cancellation of Motor Carrier Certificate C3541 and recommended granting of cancellation as requested.

Upon motion by Commissioner Beeker and seconded by Commissioner Oden, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept these recommendations.

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Judge Chad Mason reported on the following dockets from the Legal Division Agenda:

DOCKET 33615, Petition of Zayo Network Services LLC, of Denver, Colorado, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications services. A hearing was held on October 15, 2025, in which Commission staff participated and recommended approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Oden and seconded by Commissioner Beeker, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

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Judge Chad Mason reported on the following dockets from the Legal Division Agenda:

DOCKET 33614, Unopposed to transport Motor Carrier Certificate FNP B-104 (Docket 33123) and Permit 650 (Docket 33072) From: Leslie M. Stone d/b/a K3C Transportation of Montgomery, Alabama To:K3C Transportation LLC, of Montgomery, Alabama and recommended approval,

DOCKET 33616, Unopposed common carrier application of Jersey Taxi, LLC, of Gulf Shores, Alabama, for a certificate to transport passengers. Hearing was held in which staff participated. The Applicant waived its rights to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing and recommended approval,

DOCKET 33618, Unopposed common carrier application of Glory Brothers Transport LLP, of Phenix City, Alabama, for a certificate to transport passengers. Hearing was held in which staff participated. The Applicant waived its rights to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing and recommended approval,

DOCKET 33619, Unopposed common carrier application of NaviCare LLC, of Loganville, Georgia, for a certificate to transport passengers. Hearing was held in which staff participated. The Applicant waived its rights to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing and recommended approval,

DOCKET 33505, Motor Carrier Certificate 4174 was issued to Cays Carriage LLC, of Brookwood, Alabama, by Commission Order dated April 2, 2025. Said Order also required Cays Carriage LLC to file its tariff and liability insurance. Cays Carriage LLC failed to make the required filing and recommended cancellation on 30 days' notice, and

DOCKET 33508, Motor Carrier Permit 661 and Certificate 4172 were issued to Jefferson and Jefferson Express, L.L.C. ("Jefferson and Jefferson"), of Phenix City, Alabama, by Commission Order dated February 6, 2025. Said Order also required Jefferson and Jefferson to file its schedule of rates, tariff, registration numbers and liability insurance. Jefferson and Jefferson failed to make the required filing and recommended cancellation on 30 days' notice.

Upon motion by Commissioner Beeker and seconded by Commissioner Oden, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

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Judge Chad Mason reported on DOCKET 33612, Show cause proceeding for Cherokee Waterworks and Gas Board ("Cherokee") to address failures to adequately respond to the Gas Pipeline Safety Division's notices of noncompliance with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Minimum Pipeline Safety Regulations. Hearing was held on October 15, 2025, in which staff participated. At the hearing Cherokee provided evidence/documentation that it had corrected out all violations. Commission staff also required documents post hearing. All documents have been provided to staff's satisfaction. Recommend having corrected all violations as required by PHMSA, Cherokee be dismissed from the show cause proceeding.

Upon motion by Commissioner Beeker and seconded by commissioner Oden, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the recommendations to dismiss Cherokee from the show cause proceeding.

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Judge John Garner reported on DOCKET 33354, Unopposed common carrier application of Gary Johnson d/b/a TransitExpress/EasyRyde, of Mt. Vernon, Alabama, for a certificate to transport passengers. Hearing was held in which staff participated. The Applicant waived its right to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing and recommended approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Oden and seconded by Commissioner Beeker, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

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Judge Garner recommended approval of all items listed on the administrative agenda.

Upon motion by Commissioner Beeker and seconded by Commissioner Oden, the Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

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Commissioner Almond made a presentation on *Data Centers, Energy, and Alabama's Future: Opportunities, Risks, and the Role of the Public Service Commission*.

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Commissioner Almond concluded with stating that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2025

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There being no further business, Commissioner Almond adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.



Walter L. Thomas, Jr.

Secretary