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STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT CYNTHIA LEE ALMOND ON COMMISSION ACTION TO PROVIDE RATE STABILITY FOR ALABAMA CUSTOMERS

The Alabama Public Service Commission (“APSC” or “Commission”) has taken decisive action to deliver meaningful rate stability and relief for Alabama families and businesses for the next two years. The Commission’s motion today adopts a framework that holds major cost-recovery mechanisms at current levels through the rate year 2027, preventing increases tied to environmental compliance mandates, capital investments, or fuel-related adjustments. While these factors are held steady and cannot increase under this framework, nothing prevents rates from being lowered if conditions allow. By locking these mechanisms in place, the APSC is ensuring no additional upward rate pressure for the next two years, absent only extraordinary and unforeseen events.

“Providing stability for ratepayers is one of our highest priorities, and this proposal delivers exactly that,” said APSC President Cynthia Lee Almond. “By keeping major cost-recovery mechanisms level through 2027, we are helping families, small businesses, and industries budget with confidence during a time when so many costs continue to rise.” Maintaining these factors at their current levels protects customers from upward pressure and creates a more predictable path for household and business energy expenses.

While the commitments extend through 2027, the Commission will continue to closely monitor any extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances—particularly major storms, hurricanes, or other natural disasters that could impact the electric system or cost structure. “These events are rare,” Almond noted, “but preparing for them is essential in a state like Alabama. Our expectation is that this plan will hold, provide the stability customers deserve, and ensure we are ready to respond to severe weather when it occurs.”

In addition, Alabama Power has committed to using available tax credits to directly offset its cost of service. This strategic approach reduces the need for borrowing and, in turn, prevents interest expenses from being passed on to ratepayers. President Almond emphasized that this agreement reflects a shared commitment to responsible oversight and long-term planning: “This is good news for Alabama, and it reflects smart stewardship on all sides. Our focus is always on keeping rates fair, reliable, and as low as possible.”

President Almond concluded by saying, "this is a meaningful win for Alabama ratepayers. For the next two years, families and businesses can count on stability, predictability, and the continued reliability of our electric system."

The mission of the Alabama Public Service Commission is to ensure a regulatory balance between regulated companies and consumers in order to provide consumers with safe, adequate and reliable services at rates that are equitable and economical. For more information, visit psc.alabama.gov.

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