

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE  
ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
HELD Tuesday, January 6, 2026

The January 2026 meeting of the Alabama Public Service Commission was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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; Luke Bentley, Administrative Law Judge; Jeff Johnston, Utility Services Division Director, Amanda Shehane, Utility Enforcement Division Director; Devon Beaty, PSC Transportation Regulatory Manager; Jonathan Kimbril, PSC Gas Pipeline Safety Division Director, John Free, Electricity Policy Division Director; Jerry DeLancey, Administrative Support Assistant; Patricia Smith and Donald Powell, Public Utility Analyst Managers; Caleb Hicks, Communications and PR Manager; Tanya Champion, Matthew Singleton, and Stacie Berry, Public Analysts; Aquilla Spivey, Consumer Service Manager; William Partlow, Staff Accountant; Aisha Smith, Technical Assistant to Commissioner Oden; 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, Barbara Smith, and Robin Bonney, 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 November 7, 2025.

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Commissioner Almond 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 December 2, 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 December 2025 as follows: Alabama Power Company had twenty residential and one business inquiry, Spire Alabama had fourteen residential inquiries and zero business inquiries, and Spire Gulf had one residential and zero business inquiries. There was a total of five telecommunication inquiries, consisting of zero under Public Service Commission Complaint jurisdiction, two were referred to the companies since the complaint jurisdiction was waived, and three 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 November 30, 2025. Mr. Johnston reported on Rate RSE for Spire Alabama Inc., based on preliminary figures as of November 30, 2025, the projected RSE return on average common equity for the rate year ending September 30, 2026, was 9.71 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 November 30, 2025. Based on preliminary figures as of November 30, 2025, the projected RSE return on average common equity for the rate year ending September 30, 2026, was 9.44 percent. The authorized return on average common equity is 9.70 to 10.30 percent.

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Mr. Johnston reported on Docket 26429, St.Joe Communications, Inc. D/B/A Consolidated Communications Long Distance for approval to add two (2) DBAs to the Company name: Consolidated Communications - St.Joe and Fidium - St.Joe 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 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 November 2025.

Inspections

During the month of November, a total of fifty (50) inspections were conducted utilizing seventy-six (76) in person-days. The inspections are as follows:

LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS		GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS		STANDARD INSPECTION	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATOR QUALIFICATION	PUBLIC AWARENESS	IMP / DIMP	CONTROL ROOM MGMT	INCIDENT / ACCIDENT	SECTION 114	DRUG & ALCOHOL	FOLLOW-UP	TOTAL
				PRIVATE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		MUNICIPAL		1	11	1								22
		MASTER METER												
		LIQUID PROPANE (LP)												
		LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)												
		INTRASTATE TRANSMISSION		1	1	1		1				1	3	
		GAS GATHERING		1		1		1				1	1	
		OFFSHORE GAS												
		REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS												
		CRUDE OIL												
		HVL FLAMMABLE / TOXIC												
		CARBON DIOXIDE												
		BIOFUEL												
		TOTALS		3	13	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	27	50

### Enforcement Actions

From the fifty (50) inspections shown above, three (3) enforcement letters of notification were issued leading to seven (7) non-compliance items. There were eleven (11) non-compliance items corrected during the month of November.

### Training

Five (5) operator/contractor training sessions were conducted in November, covering various combinations of the following topics: polyethylene (PE) plastic fusion, fire response (FR), and regulatory (CFR) training.

➤ 11/4/2025	Wheeler Basin Nat. Gas Co.	CFR	5	OM&E Procedures
➤ 11/5/2025	Trussville Utilities	PE	40	Personnel Trained
➤ 11/13/2025	Northwest AL Gas District	PE	28	Personnel Trained
➤ 11/20/2025	Black Bear Transmission	CFR	5	OM&E Procedures
➤ 11/18/2025	Leak City, Athens AL	PE	35	Personnel Trained

### Incidents/Accidents

There was one (1) state reportable incident, and zero (0) federal incidents reported during the month November.

- 11/15/2025 Florence Gas Department - While installing a new valve, the operator identified that the valve selected was not appropriate for the intended operation. Florence Gas reduced pipeline pressure and replaced the valve with the correct valve for the application. No customer service was lost, and the operator took prompt corrective action to address the issue. No Alabama 811 locate ticket was required, as all work was performed above ground.

### Miscellaneous

The Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) Division has no items to present for miscellaneous in November.

### 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 November 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
5	18	17	0	8	60

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

Railroad Bridge Observations	Roadway Worker Protection	Roadway Maintenance Machines	Bridge Worker Safety
0	4	1	1

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
2	3	26	0	129

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
7	7	3	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
0	1	0

The results of inspections performed on railroad inspection and repair records and highway grade crossings by both track and MP&E inspectors are reflected below.

	Track Inspection Records	MP&E Railcar & Locomotive Repair Records	Highway Grade Crossings
Inspections	4	2	4
Units Inspected	165	72	32
Defects	0	0	1

The National Response Center (NRC) reported three incidents in November:

1. A log truck strike with unknown injuries in Greenville on CSX.
2. A vehicle strike with a fatal injury in Montgomery County on CSX.
3. A dimethylamine anhydrous vapor release in Mobile on CSX.

There were also two accidents and complaints reported via telephone or email in November.

1. A rough crossing complaint was reported in Dolomite.
2. A single car yard derailment with no injuries or releases in Birmingham on BNSF.

The rough crossing complaint was investigated and substantiated by RWS staff. Staff met with railroad officials to discuss the rough highway grade crossing condition and to seek a resolution. The rail carrier informed us of their intention to make repairs to the crossing, and a follow-up inspection was scheduled.

#### 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 Registration Numbers	Intrastate Applications		NOL Processed/ Closed Intra Applications	Under Legal Division Review	New Authority Approved	Motor Carrier Authority Inquiries		
	Processed	Returned				Phone	E-mails	Others
26	15	3	6	10	12	62	49	13

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
249	21	16	5	34	25	80

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
8	1	63	21	56	7

As of November 30th, there were 9,106 Alabama carriers (94%) registered for the 2025 UCR, with 578 remaining unregistered.

As of November 30th, there were 3,519 Alabama carriers (42%) registered for the 2026 UCR, leaving 4,770 unregistered. Our office received funds from the UCR Depository for October online payments processed through the National Registration System (NRS) from 2,988 carriers domiciled in Alabama and non-participating states.

The staff also assisted motor carriers in making necessary changes to their operating status with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Three MCS-150 forms were processed. One motor carrier had its USDOT number deactivated, and two forms contained updates to the motor carriers' USDOT number data.

MCS staff participated in the UCR Industry Advisory Subcommittee call during the month.

There were three For Non-Profit (FNP) quarterly reports for the third quarter of 2025 received during the month.

In November, a passenger tariff for Reliable Rides Caring Service, LLC (C4188), a passenger tariff for Gary Johnson dba TransitExpress/EasyRyde Alabama (C4192), a taxi tariff for Jersey Taxi, LLC (C4189), and a household goods tariff for Rivers Ridge Moving and Labor LLC dba Rivers Ridge Moving and Labor (NEW) were received and accepted. Also, one household goods tariff was rejected for Logan Martin Moving and Delivery, LLC (NEW).

During the month, a passenger carrier audit was completed for Hillard Wright dba Kings Airport Shuttle Service (C3971). It was

recommended that the carrier update its current tariff on file with the Commission and abide by the geographical scope in its tariff. Additionally, a passenger carrier audit for Montgomery Tours LLC dba Montgomery Tours (C4098) was completed. It was recommended that the carrier update its current tariff on file to increase its rates with the Commission and abide by the geographical scope in its tariff.

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 November 30, 2025. The Electricity Policy Division performed the regular monthly examination of the books and records of Alabama Power Company and found a 6.49% Weighted Return on Average Retail Common Equity for the 12 months ending December 31, 2025, and Energy Cost Under recovered by \$13,189,620 for November 2025.

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LEGAL DIVISION

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

DOCKET 33652, Application of Logan Martin Moving and Delivery, LLC, of Talladega, Alabama for a certificate to transport household goods and recommended approval of certificate and tariff,

DOCKET 33644, Application of Rivers Ridge Moving and Labor LLC d/b/a Rivers Ridge Moving and Labor, of Decatur, Alabama, for a certificate to transport household goods and recommended approval of certificate and tariff,

DOCKET C-21366, Petition of Angelo Hauling LLC, of Pinson, Alabama, for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate F5223 which was revoked due to Petitioner's failure to maintain proper proof of cargo insurance. Petitioner submitted documentation that showed their cargo insurance coverage required by law is now in effect and recommended reinstatement,

DOCKET C-21323, Petition of John Alan Carr d/b/a Carr Trucking, of Fyffe, Alabama for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate F2203 which was revoked due to Petitioner's failure to maintain proper proof of cargo insurance. Petitioner submitted

documentation that showed their cargo insurance coverage required by law is now in effect and recommended reinstatement.

DOCKET C-21353, Petition of Flowerwood Management Inc. d/b/a Flowerwood Trucking, of Loxley, Alabama for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate F1919 which was revoked due to Petitioner's failure to maintain proper proof of cargo insurance. Petitioner submitted documentation that showed their cargo insurance coverage required by law is now in effect and recommended reinstatement.

DOCKET C-21305, Petition of Veloxy Careride Inc., of Jasper, Alabama for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate FNP B-141 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 reinstatement.

DOCKET 33599, Motor Carrier Certificate 4187 was issued to James Keith Howell d/b/a J&G Taxi, of Daphne, Alabama, by Commission Order dated September 10, 2025. Said Order also required James Keith Howell d/b/a J&G Taxi to file its tariff and liability insurance. James Keith Howell d/b/a J&G Taxi has 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 recommendations.

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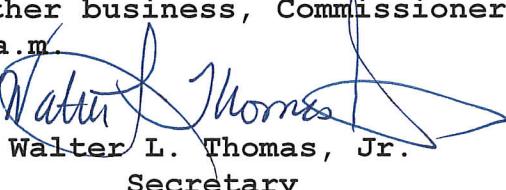
Judge Garner recommended approval of all items listed on the administrative agenda.

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

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President Almond recognized Mr. Walter Thomas for his dedication of 38 employment years of service. Homage was paid to Mr. Thomas by Judge John Garner along with Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden and Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III.

There being no further business, Commissioner Almond adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.



Walter L. Thomas, Jr.  
Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

JANUARY 6, 2026, COMMISSION MEETING

- Approval of all pending motor carrier matters
- Approval of purchase of 2 Ford Explorers for Gas Pipeline Safety Division