

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HELD Thursday, June 4, 2026

The June 2026 meeting of the Alabama Public Service Commission was held on Thursday, June 4, 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: Luke Bentley, Chief Administrative Law Judge and Executive Director; Chad Mason, Administrative Law Judge; Samantha Sizemore, Attorney; Anthony Stewart, Legal Intern; Amanda Shehane, Utility Enforcement Division Director; Jonathan Kimbril, PSC Gas Pipeline Safety Division Director; John Free, Electricity Policy Division Director; Patricia Smith and Donald Powell, Public Utility Analyst Managers; Jeffery Johnston, Utility Services Division Director; Caleb Hicks, Communications and PR Manager; Aisha Smith, Technical Assistant to Commissioner Oden; Tanya Champion, Matthew Singleton, LeAndre Wynn, and Ladavious Mitchell, Public Analysts; Aquilla Spivey, Consumer Service Manager; 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 Betts, IT Technician; Robin Bonney, Jerry Delancey, Jackie Mack, and Barbara Smith, Administrative Support Assistants; Devon D. Beaty, 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 12, 2025.

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Commissioner Almond opened the meeting with a prayer led by Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, Jr. followed by leading 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 May 5, 2026, Commission Meeting.

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

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UTILITY SERVICES DIVISION

Mr. Jeff Johnston reported for the Utility Services Division on Consumer Service Complaint Inquiries for the period of May 2026 as follows: Alabama Power Company had twenty-five residential and zero business inquiries, Spire Alabama had three residential inquiries and zero business inquiries, and Spire Gulf had one residential inquiry and zero business inquiries. There was a total of twelve telecommunication inquiries, consisting of zero under Public Service Commission Complaint jurisdiction, seven were referred 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 April 30, 2026. Mr. Johnston reported on Rate RSE for Spire Alabama Inc., based on preliminary figures as of April 30, 2026, the projected RSE return on average common equity for the rate year ending September 30, 2026, was 9.84 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 April 30, 2026. Based on preliminary figures as of April 30, 2026, the projected RSE return on average common equity for the rate year ending September 30, 2026, was 9.45 percent which was below the authorized range and results in no adjustment to rates. The authorized return on average common equity is 9.70 to 10.30 percent.

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Mr. Johnson reported on the following Dockets:

Docket U-5443, AT&T ALABAMA and EASTON TELECOM SERVICES LLC -- Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama or AT&T Southeast and Easton Telecom Services LLC pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and recommended approval,

Docket U-5455, AT&T ALABAMA AND EXTENET ASSET ENTITY, LLC -- Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama or AT&T Southeast and ExteNet Asset Entity, LLC pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 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. Johnson reported on Docket 29523, ACCESSLINE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION d/b/a Voice Telco Services -- Approval to cancel Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and withdraws Tariff. Certificate granted under this docket on September 26, 2005 for the provision of Toll Resale services. By notice received May 8, 2026, the Company stated it was no longer providing any telecommunications services to consumers in the state of Alabama; therefore, no customers would be directly affected by the cancellation and recommended approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Beeker and seconded by Commissioner Oden, 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.

GAS PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

Mr. Jonathan Kimbril reported for the Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) Division Agenda on the following inspections during the month of April 2026.

Inspections

During the month of April, a total of forty-seven (47) inspections were conducted utilizing one hundred and twenty-eight (128) in person-days. The inspections are as follows:

		STANDARD INSPECTION	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATOR QUALIFICATION	PUBLIC AWARENESS	IMP / DIMP	CONTROL ROOM MGMT	INCIDENT / ACCIDENT	DRUG & ALCOHOL	FOLLOW-UP	OTHER	TOTAL
GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS	PRIVATE		6							1		
	MUNICIPAL	2	16						1	7		
	MASTER METER	1								10		
	LIQUID PROPANE (LP)											
	LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)											
	INTRASTATE TRANSMISSION	1							1	1		
	GAS GATHERING											
	OFFSHORE GAS											
LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS	REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS											
	CRUDE OIL											
	HVL FLAMMABLE / TOXIC											
	CARBON DIOXIDE											
	BIOFUEL											
TOTALS		4	22	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	0	47

Enforcement Actions

From the Forty-seven (47) inspections shown above, five (5) enforcement letters of notification were issued citing ten (10) non-compliance items. There were seven (7) non-compliance items corrected during the month of April.

Training

Two (2) operator/contractor training sessions were conducted in April, covering possible variations of combinations of the following: polyethylene (PE) plastic fusion, fire response (FR), and regulatory (CFR) training.

- 4/8/2026 Cullman-Jefferson Gas Dist. PE 18 Personnel Trained
- 4/21/2026 Leak City Athens, AL PE 32 Personnel Trained

Incidents/Accidents

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

- 4/202/2026 Spire AL - Montgomery - Spire contacted Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) to report a structure fire where the cause had not yet been determined. Spire believed notification was appropriate due to media presence at the scene. The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office later determined that natural gas did not play a role in the fire.

Miscellaneous

The Gas Pipeline Safety (GPS) Division, serving as a board member of the Alabama Underground Damage Prevention Authority (ALUDPA), voted to accept a contract for an administrative group to manage the day-to-day operations of the ALUDPA. This represents a major step toward better meeting the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) state damage prevention requirements, particularly those related to enforcement.

Efforts to modify Alabama's damage prevention laws required coordination and support from multiple agencies. As the updated law and enforcement structure become more fully implemented, Alabama should begin to see a reduction in excavation damage statewide. Two years ago, Alabama ranked last in damage prevention performance, placing 52 out of 52 jurisdictions, including Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C.

GPS has participated in multiple initiatives to improve these rankings, and progress is already being observed through major efforts undertaken by the state's largest operators. These improvements have resulted from joint actions involving pilot programs, enhanced enforcement efforts, public awareness initiatives, and internal operator improvements focused on excavation damage prevention.

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 April 2026.

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
6	23	64	0	220	145

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

Railroad Bridge Observations	Roadway Worker Protection	Roadway Maintenance Machines	Bridge Worker Safety
27	11	29	0

The data in the table below were 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
3		9	348	0	869

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
6	13	4	0	27

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 National Response Center (NRC) reported three incidents in April.

1. A trespasser strike with a fatal injury in Bessemer on NS.
2. An unoccupied vehicle strike with no injuries in Heflin on NS.

3. A semi-truck strike resulted in an Amtrak locomotive derailment and three employee injuries in St. Elmo on CSX.

There was also one complaint reported via telephone or email in April.

1. A complaint of trespasser activities on railroad property that included walking on the tracks, riding ATVs along the track, and flying drones along the track on BNSF in Quinton.

The alleged activity in the complaint was reported to railroad officials, and the complainant was made aware that the information was passed along and that any follow-up activity would be conducted by the railroad or law enforcement.

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 Nos.	Intrastate Applications		NOL Processed/ Closed Intra Applications	Under Legal Divisi on Review	New Authority Approved	Motor Carrier Authority Inquiries		
	Processed	Returned				Phone	E- mails	Others
15	11	0	1	12	6	75	131	19

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
320	30	13	1	30	73	103

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

UCR Applications		UCR Mailouts for 2026	UCR Audit Corresponden ce	UCR Inquiries	
Received	Returned			Phone	E-mail
1	0	146	28	40	7

As of April 30th, 7,925 Alabama carriers (86%) were registered for the 2026 UCR, leaving 1,251 unregistered. Our office received funds from the UCR Depository for March online payments processed through the National Registration System (NRS) from 375 carriers domiciled in Alabama and non-participating states.

Our office received 25 For Non-Profit (FNP) quarterly reports for the first quarter of 2026 and two for the fourth quarter of 2025 during the month.

A total of forty-six 2025 annual reports were received from household goods and passenger carriers.

In April, two tariffs were rejected for formatting and rate issues: a passenger tariff for M.E.R.C.Y Int LLC (C4201) and a household goods tariff for 1st Choice Trucking LLC (pending). Four tariffs were received and accepted: a passenger tariff for Sow Enterprise LLC dba Sow Auto Black Car (C4196), a passenger tariff for Lake Martin Lift, LLC (C4198), a passenger tariff for Prestige Limousine Service, Inc. (C3652 & C3973), and a household goods tariff for A&J Management Group, Inc. dba Pink Zebra Moving of Huntsville.

Staff participated in three passenger carrier hearings held during April for:

- People's Ride Transit Services LLC
- Reach Auto Shop Mid-South Apparel & Bargain Barn Inc.
- Sweetie's Homecare Inc

ELECTRICITY POLICY DIVISION

Mrs. Patricia Smith reported on Formal Dockets 18117 and 18416; 18148 Division Report on Rate RSE and Rate ECR as of April 30, 2026. The Electricity Policy Division performed the regular monthly examination of the books and records of Alabama Power Company and found a 6.19% Weighted Return on Average Retail Common Equity for the 12 months ending December 31, 2026, and Energy Cost Over recovered by \$2,016,735 for April 2026.

LEGAL DIVISION

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

DOCKET C-21433, Petition of Frederick Allen Burkes, Sr. d/b/a Burkes Brothers Classic Limousine Service, of Birmingham, Alabama, for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate C3769 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 C-21496, Petition of Parrish Haulers L.L.C., of Huntsville, Alabama for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate FS177 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 reinstatement,

DOCKET C-21491, Petition of Transco, Inc., of Temple, Texas, for reinstatement of Motor Carrier Certificate F2990 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 32442; C-21529, Petition of Cline Trucking, Incorporated, of Duncanville, Alabama, to suspend operations under Motor Carrier Certificate F23 1 5 for a period of one year and recommended one-year suspension,

DOCKET 31993, Petition of Dockside Transportation Company, Inc., of Mobile, Alabama, to suspend operations under Motor Carrier Certificate C4026 for an additional period of one-year. Motor Carrier Certificate C4026 was suspended for a period of one year by Commission Order entered in this Docket dated May 6, 2025, and recommended one-year suspension,

DOCKET C-21513; 27775, Petition of TKB Transports, Inc., of Maplesville, Alabama, to suspend operations under Motor Carrier Certificate F2 1 82 for a period of one year and recommended one-year suspension,

DOCKET 31849; C-21508, Petition of Monty's Mobile Home Movers, of Decatur, Alabama, to suspend operations under Motor Carrier Certificate F1904 for a period of one year and recommended one-year suspension,

DOCKET 33417, Petition of Hillard Wright d/b/a Kings Airport Shuttle Service, of Montgomery, Alabama, for cancellation of Motor Carrier Certificate FNP A-111 and recommended requested cancellation,

DOCKET 33677, Unopposed common carrier application of Apex Transportation, LLC d/b/a Apex Transportation, of Birmingham, Alabama, for a certificate to transport passengers. Hearing was held on May 27, 2026, in which staff participated. The Applicant waived its right to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing and recommended approval,

DOCKET 33685, Unopposed common carrier application of All Ways Accessible LLC, of Ramer, Alabama, for a certificate to transport passengers. Hearing was held on May 27, 2026, in which staff participated. The Applicant waived its right to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing and recommended approval,

DOCKET 33693, Unopposed common carrier application of Hands on Transport, LLC, of Northport, Alabama, for a certificate to transport passengers. Hearing was held on May 27, 2026, in which staff participated. The Applicant waived its right to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing and recommended approval,

DOCKET 33682, Unopposed contract carrier application of Sweetie's Homecare Inc., of Huntsville, Alabama, for a permit to transport passengers. Hearing was held on May 27, 2026, in which staff participated. The Applicant waived its right to a Report and Recommended Order at the hearing and recommended approval,

DOCKET 33690, Petition of Carl Clifton d/b/a Unique Touch #2 Transportation Services, of Mobile, Alabama, to withdraw its motor carrier application seeking authority to transport passengers and recommended approval,

DOCKET 33689, Petition of Darlene Clifton Reddix d/b/a Unique Touch Transportation Services, of Mobile, Alabama, to withdraw its motor carrier application seeking authority to transport passengers and recommended approval.

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

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

DOCKET 18046; 18328 Case No. 2026-1, By Order dated January 25, 1983, the Commission adopted Rate Stabilization and Equalization ("RSE") as a rate-setting mechanism for Alabama Gas Corporation (now "Spire Alabama Inc."). Since its original adoption in 1983, RSE has been renewed and extended by Commission Order on nine occasions, most recently in 2022.

Beginning in January of 2026, Commission Staff met with representatives of Spire Alabama Inc. and the Attorney General's office to discuss the terms of RSE renewal. After several months of meetings, no agreement could be reached on the terms and conditions and recommended initiation of an investigation of the terms of RSE.

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

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DOCKET 28101, Case No. 2026-1, By Order dated June 10, 2002, the Commission adopted Rate Stabilization and Equalization ("RSE") as a rate-setting mechanism for Mobile Gas Service Corporation (now "Spire Gulf, Inc."). Since its original adoption in 2002, RSE has been renewed and extended by Commission Order on three occasions, most recently in 2021. Beginning in January of 2026, Commission Staff met with representatives of Spire Gulf, Inc. and the Attorney General's office to discuss the terms of RSE renewal. After several months of meetings, no agreement could be reached on the terms and conditions. Recommended: Initiation of an investigation of the terms of RSE

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

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DOCKET U-3089, Alabama Dual Party Relay Board. In addition to the six members of the Board appointed by the individual Commissioners (two each), the Commission collectively appoints one member to the Board to serve as the representative of Commission Staff. Recommended: Appoint Luke Bentley to the Alabama Dual Party Relay Board to serve as the Commission Staff's Representative.

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

Judge Bentley 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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President Almond paid homage to Mr. John Free for his dedication of 36 years sharing his expertise, professionalism, and commitment to public service. A proclamation was read by Commissioner Oden in honor of Mr. Free's service.

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There being no further business, Commissioner Almond adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.


Devon D. Beaty
Commission Secretary