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PSC Approves Special Contract between Alabama Power Company and the Gadsden Goodyear Plant

I am delighted that the Alabama Public Service Commission approved today a special contract that will help keep Goodyear in business in Alabama. I have actively supported the efforts taken to obtain a new contract between the Goodyear tire plant and Alabama Power Company for the services that support tire making in Alabama. I am an adamant advocate for keeping these 1500 jobs on Alabama soil. We simply can not allow punitive EPA regulations to eliminate the jobs we have in Alabama.

The Goodyear tire plant in Gadsden began production in 1929, and subsequently survived the Great Depression. I am proud to be able to participate in the process that will help secure the survival of the Gadsden Goodyear plant.

This is just another example of how the Alabama Public Service Commission can use its resources to continue to stimulate Alabama's economy. I am committed to finding more opportunities like this one to keep Alabamians in business, and I hope other state agencies will follow our lead in keeping jobs in our Great State and recruiting new ones.

Commissioner Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh serves as an Associate Commissioner at the Alabama Public Service Commission. She comes to work each day and strives to keep Alabama's utility rates some of the lowest in the nation. She has a three pronged approach to regulating utilities; she insists on reasonable rates and reliable utilities for consumers, which facilitates recruiting jobs to our Great State.

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