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STATEMENT FROM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PRESIDENT TWINKLE CAVANAUGH ON KEEPING UTILITY RATES STABLE

Montgomery – Today, Public Service Commission President Twinkle Cavanaugh released the following statement on her commitment to keep public utility rates in Alabama stable throughout 2013 and 2014:

“When I was elected to this job, I spelled out three clear priorities, which were protecting the consumers of this state; working to create jobs by ensuring Alabama maintains a competitive advantage with our utilities in economic development and job creation; and standing as the last line of defense against the federal mandates coming down from an agenda driven by radical environmentalists who want to kill Alabama’s coal industry and our industrial recruitment.

I will not play politics with the PSC. We were sent here to help grow jobs, not promote policies that will kill our jobs and growth. I will do everything I can to keep our utility rates low to maintain the jobs we have, to keep Alabama competitive as we recruit new business and to preserve our way of life.

At our last Commission meeting, we unanimously voted to begin a thorough review of the companies we regulate. This full review process offers transparency to Alabama citizens, and we are conducting this process in a measured manner that will serve the best interests of all interested parties.

In addition to the transparent planned proceedings, I called upon the utilities today to come forward and agree to keep base rates level in 2014 to allow Alabama families and companies some stability.

Today Alabama’s unemployment rate is lower than the national average and the lowest in the southeastern region. In the last week, Alabama was named one of our nation’s leaders in job creation. It is essential that we maintain our present conditions and preserve the economic environment that is currently paying such rewards.”

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