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COMMISSIONER CAVANAUGH'S PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM THE NOVEMBER 2011 COMMISSION MEETING

We received a letter this week from Alabama Power Company addressing the \$17 million that was awarded to them in a recent judgment. The federal government has collected our money for years without any clear benefits, and I believe that our State's motto, "we dare defend our rights," clearly states our feelings about the federal government overstepping its boundaries. I appreciate Alabama Power Company standing up for our state and taking on the federal government in regards to this issue.

I want to return this money to the rate payers as quickly as possible. However, I understand that there are some logistical issues that must be addressed here at the Public Service Commission before a final decision is openly discussed.

In regards to this money, I would like to make the following motion. I move that we discuss this issue in the most open and transparent manner, so that the public knows how this money will be used, and that we address this issue at the next commission meeting on December 6, 2011.*

*Please note that Commissioner Cavanaugh's motion received unanimous approval at the Alabama Public Service Commission meeting on November 1, 2011.

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