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ALABAMA POWER COMPANY,

Petitioner

PETITION: For evaluation and approval of the Clearview Ranch Project.

DOCKET 32382
CASE NO. 2026-1

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 2, 2026, Alabama Power Company ("Alabama Power" or the "Company") proposed the Clearview Ranch Project ("Clearview Project" or the "Project") for evaluation and approval pursuant to the requirements of the certificate of convenience and necessity previously granted by the order of the Alabama Public Service Commission ("the Commission") dated September 16, 2015 ("Certificate"), and as amended August 11, 2021 and June 14, 2023. As discussed below, the Project consists of a 200 megawatt solar photovoltaic generating facility paired with a 200 megawatt, two-hour duration battery energy storage system ("BESS") to be constructed in Macon and Bullock Counties, Alabama. The Project will be owned, operated, and maintained by the Company and will output energy onto the Company's electric system with Alabama Power owning the rights to all associated environmental attributes. In connection with the Project, Alabama Power's customer Dotier, LLC ("Dotier") will purchase all of the environmental attributes associated with the output of the solar facility for a 20-year term, pursuant to a project confirmation under the Master Contract for Renewable Subscription Program between

Alabama Power and Dotier (collectively the “Participation Contract”). All attributes of the BESS and its broader system benefits are dedicated to all Alabama Power customers. Together, the Project is expected to yield positive economic benefits to all customers through avoided energy and capacity savings, along with the customer-specific contributions referenced above.

Alabama Power has supplied detailed information regarding the Project to facilitate the evaluation by the Commission Staff of its merits and eligibility under the Certificate. The Company also has provided information to the Office of the Attorney General for review and discussion. Having completed its review and evaluation, the Commission Staff reported that the Project satisfies the governing requirements of the Certificate previously authorized in this docket. The following describes the Certificate criteria, the Project, and the Commission’s review.

I. Certificate Criteria

This history of the Certificate, including its underlying drivers and the associated modifications implemented in the decade since its issuance, has been set forth in previous orders issued in this docket and is available there for reference. The principal elements of the Certificate are these:

1. In order to qualify for inclusion under the Certificate granted herein, each individual project must:
 - a. Be renewable or environmentally specialized generating capacity,
 - b. Be no greater than 200 MW (AC) in size, and
 - c. Be expected to result in a positive economic benefit for all customers over the term of the project, taking into account the expected cost of the project as compared to Alabama Power’s projected avoided cost, plus other positive benefits that may accrue to customers through load growth, load retention, environmental compliance and/or customer-specific contributions.
2. Projects totaling no more than 400 MW can be submitted and approved under the 2400 MW authority in any given calendar year. Alabama Power may, however, seek an exception to this limitation by way of a written request to the Commission. Such request would be deemed approved unless the Commission notifies the Company, no later than 45 days following the Company's submission of its written request, that such request is disapproved.

3. To the extent the Company does not secure resources up to the authorized 2400 MW amount by 2029 within a period of 6 years from the date of the Certificate, the unused authority expires and the Company must petition the Commission for a certificate of authority for additional resources.
4. Alabama Power must issue a generic request for proposal on a biennial basis, for projects submitted under the Certificate. Such request for proposal must be conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines set forth in Appendix 1 to the Certificate. It is not necessary, however, for every project submitted to arise from an RFP. Market information and project opportunities can be identified through other means, such as unsolicited offers. Such flexibility will preserve the Company's ability to act on available market information coming to it from sources other than an RFP.
5. With each project submitted for approval, Alabama Power must provide project details, supporting analysis and other information concurrently to the Commission Staff and the Office of the Attorney General, as a representative of the using and consuming public under Alabama Code § 37-1-16. Such submissions must comply with the Minimum Informational Requirements set forth in Appendix 2 to the Certificate. All such information must be submitted not less than 30 days prior to the Commission meeting at which the specific project(s) will be considered.
6. Each project submitted for approval shall be approved or disapproved by a majority vote of the Commission at a public meeting.
7. Each project submitted and approved under the Certificate shall be authorized for the specified term of each project. Given the unique nature of this authority and the specified approval criteria for the projects submitted thereunder, the Commission requires that any request to extend a specific project beyond its original term shall be subject to the approval process set forth in this docket.

II. Clearview Project

The Clearview Project consists of a 200 megawatt solar photovoltaic generating facility paired with a 200 megawatt, two-hour duration BESS. For purposes of the Certificate, the Clearview Project is deemed a 200 MW project, as the point of interconnection to the Company's system is designed for only 200 MW of output at any given time. The Project will be owned, operated, and maintained by Alabama Power, and is to be constructed in Macon and Bullock Counties, Alabama. The solar portion of the Project has an expected service life of 35 years, and the BESS has an expected service life of 20 years. The solar facility is expected to produce

approximately 485,000 MWh in the first full year of operation. The targeted commercial operation date is June 30, 2029.

The primary impetus for the Project is an interest by Alabama Power's customer Dotier in renewable energy options and its willingness to contribute towards the procurement of that renewable energy.¹ In this regard, and as part of its proposal, the Company is also presenting for approval a Participation Contract under which Dotier will contribute financial support that will further enhance the Project's expected yield of positive economic benefits to all of Alabama Power's customers. Specifically, Dotier has subscribed to the full output (i.e., 100 percent) of the solar portion of the Project for a 20-year term. In exchange for the contribution, Alabama Power will retire the corresponding environmental attributes on Dotier's behalf, consistent with the subscription. All attributes of the BESS and its broader system benefits are dedicated to Alabama Power customers and remain outside the scope of the Participation Contract with Dotier.

III. Commission Review

As stated at the outset, Alabama Power has provided, along with its transmittal letter, detailed information relating to the Project. All components of the minimum informational requirements established as part of the Commission's authorization of the Certificate were enclosed, including Project economics, interconnection and delivery costs, information related to underlying forecasts (e.g., fuel, emissions, hydroelectric generation and scenario development), as well as the Participation Contract.

¹ The existing Certificate authority encompasses self-build projects as well as purchase power arrangements, where the underlying drivers are principally of the type found here (i.e., a customer interest in renewable energy; economic support for the project by said customer, and benefits for all customers over the life of the project). *See* Commission Order, Docket No. 32382, at 5 (Sept. 16, 2015). In addition, the Commission previously recommended that projects of this kind (i.e., combined solar/BESS resources) be evaluated under this Certificate. *See* Commission Order, Docket No. 32953, at 55 (Aug. 14, 2020).

Over the course of its evaluation of the Clearview Project, the Commission Staff engaged with Alabama Power to discuss the data supplied in connection with the proposed Project and issued numerous data requests for which the Company supplied responses. In general, the Staff's evaluation focused on the Project's eligibility under the Certificate; the expected positive economic benefit to customers; the Participation Contract and its customer-specific contribution; the reasonableness of the Company's avoided-cost analysis; and the projected system benefits associated with the BESS. In connection with its evaluation, the Commission Staff also confirmed the manner by which the Company would recover the costs of the Clearview Project.² For this Project, the Company has indicated it would forego an adjustment under Rate CNP, Subpart A³.

In conclusion, based on its review, the Commission Staff is satisfied that the Project meets the criteria specified in the Certificate and recommends that it be approved. After full consideration of the information included with Alabama Power's July 2, 2026 submittal, together with the analysis described herein, the Staff is satisfied that the Project meets the criteria specified in the Certificate, specifically, that the Project is a renewable energy generating resource that does not exceed 200 MW in size and is reasonably expected to result in positive benefits for customers over its expected life. *See* Commission Order, Docket No. 32382 (Sept. 16, 2015), as amended, Commission Order, Docket No. 32382 (Aug. 11, 2021), as amended, Commission Order, Docket No. 32382 (June 14, 2023). The Commission further approves that the cost of the Clearview

² The costs associated with the ownership and operation of the Clearview Project would flow through the Rate RSE, consistent with the treatment of other Company-owned assets. The Renewable Subscription Program revenues (including administrative fees) in turn will be applied as an offset to cost of service, utilizing the appropriate rate mechanisms (e.g., Rate RSE, Rate ECR).

³ The Company is expected to file confirmation of its consent in this regard.

Project shall be capped at no more than 5 percent above its projected cost.⁴ Accordingly, the Staff recommends that the Project be approved.

After full consideration of the information included with Alabama Power's submittal of July 2, 2026, together with the Commission Staff's independent analysis and other information obtained from various sources, the Commission **FINDS** that the Clearview Project satisfies the governing requirements of the Certificate, is in the public interest, and should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION that the Clearview Project, including the Participation Contract with Dotier, LLC, is hereby approved pursuant to the Certificate previously authorized in this docket, as discussed in the body of this Order and, subject to all the aforementioned findings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION that the Company shall make an appropriate filing within five (5) business days confirming its consent to waive the operation of Rate CNP, Subpart A with respect to the Project.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION that jurisdiction in this cause is hereby retained for any further order or orders that this Commission may find just and reasonable under the circumstances.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION that this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

⁴ More specifically, the cost of the Clearview Project shall be capped at no more than 5 percent above the estimated in service cost of the Clearview Project. It is understood, however, that unforeseen circumstances can arise with any project of the magnitude of the Clearview Project. Therefore, the Company may, if necessary, submit documentation of costs incurred for the Clearview Project above the 5 percent cap for review by the Commission Staff and seek authorization from the Commission to incur costs above the 5 percent cap. The recovery of such additional costs will be allowed only if it is demonstrated that such additional costs were necessary and prudently incurred, which is the customary legal standard for such assessments.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 4th day of August, 2026.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Cynthia Lee Almond, President



Jeremy H. Oden, Commissioner



Chris V. Beeker III, Commissioner

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