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Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden was recently presented with the opportunity to become an active member of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition (NWSC) of which the Alabama Public Service Commission has been a part for several years. Although the debate over nuclear waste and spent fuel storage has carried on for some time, there is no better time to become involved than the present. Due to changes in the makeup of Congress, the possibility of legislation addressing the previously mentioned issues is very likely. "I am excited to serve as a representative from Alabama while meeting with Congressmen and Congresswomen to address issues surrounding the Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF), spent fuel storage, and the adverse impact on ratepayers that continued inaction creates," Oden said.

Alabama Power Company's Farley Nuclear Plant is a nuclear power source that falls within the Public Service Commission's jurisdiction. However, nuclear powered generation reaches families and businesses throughout Alabama with Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (TVA) in north Alabama and customers of PowerSouth benefitting from purchase power agreements with the soon to be completed Vogtle nuclear reactors. The NWSC is a diverse, bipartisan working group representing states and tribes from across the United States all advocating for the same purpose. "The topics of spent fuel storage and nuclear waste policy are important matters for our state and I look forward to working with power producers, nuclear experts, and others in addressing these issues."