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**APSC President Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh Announces
Her Opposition to the Chandler Mountain Project**

Montgomery, Ala – Alabama Public Service Commission (APSC) President Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh announced today she opposes the Chandler Mountain pump storage project. The project is being studied by Alabama Power as a potential means to store energy generated by alternative energy sources.

Cavanaugh criticized the project in part because it would take more than a decade to come online and would consume valuable resources that should be directed to other more viable solutions.

“This pump storage technology that Alabama Power is exploring is just another unworkable solution being endorsed by out-of-state liberals trying to hijack our energy policy,” Cavanaugh said. “Alabama needs a full portfolio of energy production options, but I will never let the climate socialists import their energy fantasies from California.”

The Chandler Mountain pump storage system would involve pumping water uphill, which requires energy, from one reservoir to another. Some amount of energy is then generated by releasing that same water back down the hill to spin turbines.

“This is clearly an inefficient method for producing the type of energy required to power a 21st century economy,” Cavanaugh stated. “That is why I am opposing the project, and I will not grant permission for it to proceed. Alabama Power should seek other options to meet Alabama’s energy needs.

“Alabama families and Alabama industries and businesses demand innovative solutions to fuel our future. By the time this cost-prohibitive project could come online, our evolving technologies will make it antiquated. I will continue to fight every aspect of the Green New Deal policy, and I will advocate for energy policy, which reflects Alabama’s values and our vast potential.”

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