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Office of Commissioner Brandon Presley MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NORTHERN DISTRICT

People of Friars Point to See Over 50% Decrease in Natural Gas Rates

Friars Point, Mississippi (March 7, 2016) – Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley alongside representatives from Atmos Energy announced today Atmos has officially taken operational control of the Friars Point natural gas system. Due to this Commission-approved sale and transfer, the people of Friars Point are to see over a 50% rate decrease.

Commissioner Presley held a public comment hearing in February and ultimately recommended approval of the sale and transfer of Friars Point's natural gas system to Atmos Energy. The average energy customer will see their bill drop from \$86.55 to \$40.87.

“Because of Atmos coming in and saving this town's natural gas system, customers have to spend less on energy. This transfer also provides an incentive for businesses to locate to the area which in turn, promotes economic growth. Reducing the cost of living and growing the local economy are some of my main priorities as your Public Service Commissioner,” Presley said.

“Atmos Energy is a safety company, and our first operational concern is the safety of the residents of Friars Point. We have begun the work to make the system safe and reliable, and we appreciate the cooperation of the citizens of Friars Point,” said an Atmos Company Representative.

“I would personally like to thank the Atmos Group, the Public Service Commission and the Friars Point Board of Aldermen who have helped to make all of this possible. As Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley said “this is a good move for the citizens of Friars Point”, and “it made perfect economic sense to approve this,” said Catherine Miller, Mayor of Friars Point.



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