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PSC, Navy, and Mississippi Power Partner to bring Solar Power to Mississippi Naval Base

Gulfport, MS (March 2, 2016) – Today, the Mississippi Public Service Commission, the United States Navy and Mississippi Power broke ground on a large-scale solar facility at the Navy Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) in Gulfport. The facility use roughly 13,000 solar panels on 23 acres of base land. Mississippi Power estimates grid connection by the end of 2016.

“This solar facility makes America’s national security stronger, provides benefits to Mississippi Power Company customers and will help the economy of the Gulf Coast. I am proud that we could work with Secretary Ray Mabus and his staff along with Mississippi Power to get this done,” said Chairman Presley.

“This is one of three utility-scale solar projects that have been approved by the Mississippi Public Service Commission, making our company the state’s largest partner in renewable energy. We are proud to team up with the Navy, along with the Commission and its staff, on this very important project,” Wilson said.

With several energy efficient technologies including a solar power rooftop system and light-emitting diode parking and street lights, NCBC Gulfport is a participant in the Great Green Fleet (GGF). GGF is a year-long initiative highlighting the Navy’s efforts to transform its energy use to increase operational capability. Renewable energy generation projects also improve the DON's energy security, strategic flexibility and resource availability.



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