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State Supreme Court Reinstates PSC's Domestic Violence Utility Waiver in Part

Jackson, Mississippi (June 8, 2017) – Earlier today the Mississippi Supreme Court partially reinstated the PSC's Domestic Violence Rule that allows certified victims of domestic violence to have their utility deposits waived for 60 days. The Mississippi Rural Water Association appealed the Commission's rule to the Supreme Court and the court's initial ruling struck down the waiver entirely. In today's ruling, the Commission's waiver, aimed at protecting domestic violence victims, was reinstated to cover customers of investor owned utilities such as Entergy, Mississippi Power, Atmos Energy, Center Point Energy, and Electric Power Associations/Cooperatives.

Public Service Commission Chairman, Brandon Presley, who introduced the domestic violence rule in 2014 made the following statement today:
"Today's ruling is a win for victims of domestic violence who are trying to escape dangerous situations. Evidence shows that financial burdens such as utility deposits prevent many from leaving domestic violence situations. I am very thankful to the PSC's legal team for their hard work to get Supreme Court to reinstate the rule in part.

The Commission will take action according with the court's ruling during a special meeting on June 21, 2017. For more information on this rule contact Chairman Brandon Presley at 1-800-637-7722 or at www.psc.state.ms.us.



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