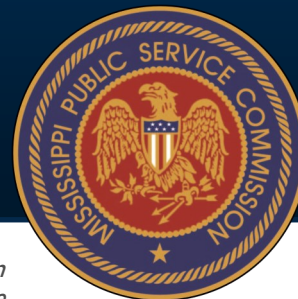


October 20, 2021



**FROM THE DESK OF
COMMISSIONER
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The Central District is pleased to bring you the latest information concerning utility rates, project developments, Public Service Commission actions and other news you can use. I hope you will find this information to be a useful resource to learn about the Public Service Commission, consumer issues and the continuous work we are doing for the citizens in the Central District and across the state of Mississippi. Thank you again for allowing me to serve you in this capacity.

Brent Bailey

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October is Energy Awareness Month

National Energy Awareness Month is our annual effort, led by the U.S. Department of Energy, to highlight the importance of energy to our national prosperity and security. The development, stewardship and reliability of our domestic energy resources has created a quality of life and standard of living in the U.S. that is admired throughout the world.

Governor Tate Reeves recently proclaimed October 2021 as Energy Awareness Month in the state of Mississippi. The [Proclamation](#) recognizes the role of energy infrastructure, renewable energy and energy efficiency in advancing economic security and prosperity in Mississippi. Thank you, Governor Reeves, for supporting and acknowledging the many opportunities that can be derived from innovations in energy technology and development.

The Mississippi Public Service Commission adopted a [Proclamation](#) recognizing October 6, 2021, as "Energy Efficiency Day" in the state of Mississippi. While outlining the many benefits of energy efficiency as a contributor to reducing energy costs, extending energy resources, improving the environment, growing economic expansion, and creating jobs, the Commission also urges the residents of Mississippi to learn more about energy efficiency and to practice better energy use awareness in their daily lives.



October 18-22 is celebrated as Careers in Energy Week across the nation to bring awareness to the diverse job opportunities in the energy sector, including utilities, renewable energy, oil and gas and more. Energy employers are actively looking for those that want to work with their hands; those that want to help keep our nation on the move; and, those that want to sustainably utilize our nation's resources.

More than six million people work in energy careers in the United States. The work of these professionals is essential, rewarding and always in demand. Because of the knowledge and skills that are required, energy employees are well compensated and in many instances earning above national averages. [Get Into Energy \(GIE\)](#) was designed and launched by the Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD) to build awareness among those looking for a stable, rewarding, well-paying career. Not only does GIE help you understand what energy employers need in terms of skills and competencies, GIE also helps you find energy jobs through its job search platform. Check out the current energy jobs [available in Mississippi](#).



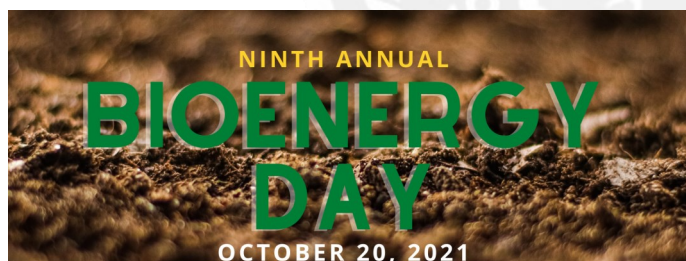
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[Nuclear Science Week](#) is also recognized during the week of October 18-22. Nuclear Science Week is a week-long celebration focusing on all aspects of nuclear science and how nuclear science plays a vital role in the lives of Americans – and the world. Today, across the United States, [93 nuclear reactors at 55 power plant sites across 28 states](#)

power tens of millions of homes and anchor local communities. Nearly 100,00 people are employed in the nuclear power sector. 20% of the nation's electricity is generated by nuclear power.

Nuclear Science Week provides the opportunity to highlight advanced nuclear technologies that hold promise for less expensive, more efficient and even safer ways of generating electricity from nuclear. These innovative, evolutionary applications of nuclear energy elements can be categorized in terms of electrical generation capacity or by type of medium transferring heat from the fission reaction to the steam plant. Small modular reactors (SMRs), sized from 10 MW up to 300 MW, are scalable, can be built in less time with less upfront capital. Advanced, next-generation reactors can reuse nuclear fuel, utilize a variety of heat transfer materials such as molten salt, high temp gas and liquid metal, and produce hydrogen to help industry achieve decarbonization goals.



Finally, October 20 is the [Ninth Annual National Bioenergy Day](#). Bioenergy is often produced on a local or regional scale, creating benefits for rural communities. Here in Mississippi, bioenergy can be found in the production of wood pellets, cogeneration from biomass, thermal heat from wood chips,

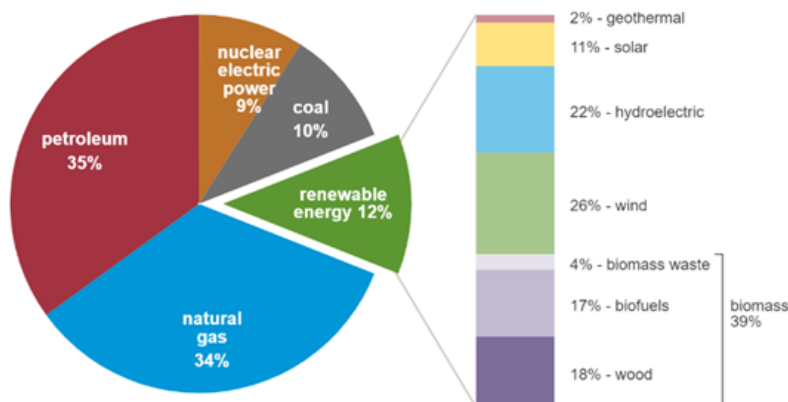
biofuels from agricultural products and biogas from landfills and lagoons. Our office produced a [short video](#) capturing the key issues surrounding National Bioenergy Day and highlighting the impacts on Mississippi. Check it out!

The United States produces and consumes many different types and sources of energy. Furthermore, energy plays a vital role in modern society, enabling systems that meet human needs such as food, shelter, employment, and transportation. Every day, the average American uses about as much energy as is stored in a little more than seven gallons of gasoline. The month of October is a time to appreciate the policies, research, technologies, delivery systems and other means that continue to ensure we have an adequate supply of energy.

U.S. primary energy consumption by energy source, 2020

total = 92.94 quadrillion
British thermal units (Btu)

total = 11.59 quadrillion Btu



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Monthly Energy Review*, Table 1.3 and 10.1, April 2021, preliminary data
Note: Sum of components may not equal 100% because of independent rounding.



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Highlights of the October 14 Docket Meeting

The Mississippi Public Service Commission met on October 14, 2021, to consider the following agenda items:

- ☑ The **Commission** granted an [Order](#) Approving and Adopting the Stipulation between **Atmos Energy Corporation** and the MPUS concerning the Stable/Rate Annual Evaluation for the 12 Months Ending March 31, 2021. The Stipulation results in a decreased revenue requirement of \$5.6 million for Atmos which will reduce a residential customer's monthly bill by \$1.43. The **Commission** also considered and approved the [Order](#) adopting **Atmos Energy Corporation's** and MPUS's Stipulation in regards of Atmos's comprehensive review of its Capital budget for 2022 as required by the System Integrity Rider (SIR) Tariff. The SIR is the annual proposed spending to improve and replace main, distribution and service gas lines. The 2022 SIR revenue increase is \$8.35 million resulting in an increase of \$2.17 on a typical residential monthly bill. When combined with the rate impact of the Stable/Rate Annual Adjustment, the overall rate impact is a net increase of \$0.74 per month for the average residential customer.
- ☑ The **Commission** also granted an [Order](#) Approving **CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.'s** Notice Filing of its re-determined Energy Efficiency Cost Rate (EECR). The rate adjustment will result in a reduction of \$0.05 for the average residential customer.
- ☑ The **Commission** considered and approved an [Order](#) for **Entergy Mississippi, LLC's** Application for Approval of an Agreement to Provide Resiliency Service to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in **Warren County**. The Resiliency Services system includes eight 400 kW natural gas-powered engines capable of providing 3.2 MW of backup power to the USACE Secure Computing Facility. The USACE will pay an Additional Facilities Charge sufficient to cover the 20-year useful life of the backup generators.
- ☑ The **Commission** entered an [Order](#) approving **Entergy Mississippi, LLC's** Notice of a Routine Change in the Standard Rate for Purchases of Electric Energy and Qualifying Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities with Design Capacity of 100 Kilowatts or Less. The new rate schedule QF-20 increases the all-hours avoided energy price from 2.728 cents per kWh to 2.983 cents per kWh, an increase of 0.255 cents per kWh.
- ☑ The **Commission** approved an [Order](#) in connection with **Mississippi Power Company's** Petition for Accounting Order Related to Restoration Costs for Hurricanes Zeta and Ida. By moving hurricane restoration costs to a regulatory asset account, the property damage reserve account gets replenished with approximately \$39 million. Costs will continue to be subject to prudence review. Hurricane Zeta resulted in 94,000 outages and the replacement of over 1,600 spans of wire, 500 poles, 300 transformers and 18 transmission structures.
- ☑ The **Commission** considered and approved an [Order](#) Referring the Matter of **Prime Developers Inc.** and its Intent to Establish Rates for its Sewer Service in its Certificated Area in **Lauderdale County** to Commissioner Brent Bailey for hearing, report and recommendation.



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- ☑ The **Commission** entered an [Order](#) Denying **Rankin County**'s Motion to Intervene in **Entergy Mississippi, LLC**'s annual financial and fuel procurement audit. The Commission found that the fuel audit statute does not contemplate intervention by third parties to maintain audit independence. However, Rankin County can participate should the Commission initiate proceedings per the findings of the audits.
- ☑ The **Commission** instructed the MPSC Legal Staff to draft an Order reflecting three parts: 1) instructing the **Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)** to respond to certain questions posed by the Commission; 2) instruct **Entergy Mississippi LLC** to respond to certain questions posed by the Commission; 3) request reply comments from all parties who have intervened in 2021-AD-52.
- ☑ The **Commission** voted to recognize October as **National Cooperative Month** and draft resolutions recognizing the value of the state's 25 **rural electric cooperatives**.

Last Week at the MPSC

- ☞ The **Commission** issued a [Suspension Order](#) in regards to **Spire Mississippi Inc.**'s Notice of its Filing of Routine Changes in its Rate Stabilization Adjustment Rider (RSA).
- ☞ The **Commission** issued a [Suspension Order](#) in regards to **Entergy Mississippi, LLC**'s Notice of Intent to Change Rates by offering its Fast Charging for Electric Vehicles Rate Schedule.
- ☞ **CenturyLink Communications, LLC** in addition to **Lumen Technologies, Inc.**, and **Connect Holdings, LLC** filed their [Joint Application](#) for Approval of Transfer of Control in order to complete the intra-company and reorganization transaction necessary.
- ☞ **CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC** filed its [Application](#) for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Services throughout the State.
- ☞ **Entergy Mississippi, LLC** filed [Application for Approval](#) of Amendment to Agreement for Service with **Nissan North America, Inc.** for the provision of electric service to **Nissan**'s manufacturing facilities located at **Canton** within **Entergy Mississippi, LLC** certificated area in **Madison County**.
- ☞ **Entergy Mississippi, LLC** filed its October 2021 [Quarterly Report](#) on the Construction and Operation Status of the 100 MW **Sunflower Solar Facility**.
- ☞ The **Commission** issued its [Order](#) approving **CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.**'s Compliance Tariffs in regards to its routine changes in its Rate Regulation Adjustment Rider (RRA).
- ☞ The **Commission** also issued an [Order](#) approving **CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.**'s Compliance Tariffs in regards to its routine changes in its Supplemental Growth Rider (SGR).

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- ✎ **Great River Utility Operating Co., LLC** filed its [Evidence of Closing](#) the sale of the **Black Creek, T&J and Quality** sewer systems.
- ✎ **Great River Utility Operating Co., LLC** filed its [Evidence of Closing](#) the sale of the **Black Creek** water system.
- ✎ **Great River Utility Operating Co., LLC** filed its [Verification of Notice to Customers](#) in regards to its petition for the approval of the sale and transfer of certain, assets, facilities, property, and certificates of public convenience and necessity for the provision of water service in **Desoto County**.
- ✎ **Great River Utility Operating Co., LLC** its [Verification of Notice to Customers](#) in regards to its petition for the approval of the sale and transfer of certain, assets, facilities, property, and certificates of public convenience and necessity for the provision of wastewater disposal service in **Desoto, Lamar, Lee, Lowndes, Oktibbeha, and Tishomingo Counties**.
- ✎ **Telepak Networks, Inc.** filed its [Request to Withdraw](#) its petition requesting expedited approval of a block of 10,000 contiguous telephone numbers within **Gulfport**.



Thank you Commissioner Andy Gipson for the invitation to help judge this year's Pretty Cow Contest at the MS State Fair and Livestock Show. I was thrilled to join Interim Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority Laura Hipp and Alcorn State University Vice President of Institutional Advancement Marcus Ward on the final Friday night for the unique event. The competition was tough! The kids are so creative and their animals go along with the fun so well. This event is always a highlight of the Fair!



Last week, our Consumer Complaint Specialists handled a total of **37** complaints in the Central District.

Electric Companies	28
Telecommunications	4
Water/Sewer	3
Natural Gas	2

Last week, the Central District received a total of **409** complaints from consumers against potential telemarketers through our no call app, website and mail-ins.

We encourage consumers to file telemarketing complaints with the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.donotcall.gov/> in addition to filing complaints with the Mississippi Public Service Commission.