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Presley Approves \$90 Million Solar Facility in DeSoto County

Hernando, Mississippi (January 28, 2022) – During a public hearing in Hernando last night, Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley approved the construction and operation of a 90-million-dollar solar electric generating facility in DeSoto County.

At the height of construction, this 100 MW solar facility will provide 300 construction jobs and 3 permanent jobs and bring over \$400,000 annually in property taxes to DeSoto County. This solar facility, owned and operated by Wildflower Solar- a subsidiary of Clearwater Energy, will produce power to benefit Toyota's Blue Springs facility in Union County and therefore helping Toyota meet their green energy goals. Toyota has entered into a virtual purchase agreement with Wildflower Solar and will continue to purchase energy from TVA.

"I am proud to approve this free market approach to a renewable energy that meets the needs of Toyota for continued growth in Mississippi, while bringing benefits to DeSoto County. We have to have a new strategy for a new age in economic development that utilizes Mississippi's natural resources for strategic economic development. This project does just that and I'm proud to make this happen for our state," said Commissioner Presley.



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