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FROM THE DESK OF
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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

Solar Poised to Shine Across Mississippi



February 18, 2022 Sunflower County Solar Project in Ruleville, Mississippi
Being built for Entergy Mississippi, LLC

According to [the U.S. Solar Market Insight Report 2021 Year in Review](#), the US solar industry had a record-setting year in 2021, with 23,600 megawatts-direct current (MWdc) of capacity installed. Last year, solar accounted for 46% of all new generation capacity interconnected in the U.S. The industry is expected to maintain that level of annual deployment, although some challenges must be addressed.

At the residential level, more than 500,000 solar systems were installed in 2021 helping push the total number of U.S. solar installations to over 3.3 million! The total amount of solar currently installed in the U.S. is over 121,400 MWdc with a market value of \$32.9 billion. Five southern states rank in the top ten for cumulative installed solar capacity: Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. See SEIA's [Solar Data Cheat Sheet](#) for the latest solar facts and figures.

Despite the good news nationally for solar deployment, the *U.S. Solar Market Insight Report 2021 Year in Review* ranked Mississippi at 50th out of 52 in the nation in solar deployment for 2021. (The ranking included Washington DC and Puerto Rico.) The state fell from 31st in the nation in 2020. But don't let the 2021 ranking fool you. There is a lot of activity going on in the solar sector in Mississippi and the next couple of years could be transformative in the state's energy portfolio.

Utility-Scale Solar Projects in Mississippi

Since April 2021, the Mississippi Public Service Commission (MPSC) has approved the following utility-scale solar projects:

- MS Solar 4 LLC (Covington County) – 96 MW
- Pearl River Solar Park (Scott County) – 175 MW
- Wildflower Solar LLC (DeSoto County) – 100 MW
- MS Solar 6 LLC (Lowndes County) – 150 MW & 50 MW Battery Energy Storage (BES)



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The combined investment value for the four projects listed above is \$535 million. According to the Solar Energy Industries Association, Mississippi has installed just under 320 MWdc of solar to date. All totaled, the four projects above will more than double the current installed solar capacity in the state.

Since 2015, the MPSC has approved 20 Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for over 1,300 MWdc of solar projects and 105.14 MW of BES valued at \$1.571 billion. MPSC Commissioners are also scheduled to have public hearings for [MS Solar 7 LLC](#) in Clay County (200 MW & 50 MW BES) and [Hattiesburg Solar Farm Expansion](#) in Forrest County (3 MW). Furthermore, nearly 600 MW of solar projects are in the evaluation/assessment phase and could come before the Commission in the coming year or two.

The projects approved by the MPSC, the projects scheduled for hearing, and the projects that could soon come before the Commission for consideration have a total solar production capacity of 2,095 MWdc and 155.14 MW BES and valued at \$2.315 billion! These projects represent significant investments for many rural economies, creating hundreds of jobs during construction, bolstering budgets for local schools, and diversifying the energy generation mix for the state.

Residential-Scale and Commercial-Scale Solar in Mississippi

In addition to the large-scale projects identified above, hundreds of Mississippians have installed rooftop solar systems with the purpose of reducing their overall energy costs, putting money back into their pockets and reducing their environmental impact. These smaller-scale systems (also known as distributed generation) have the ability to not only increase reliability across the distribution network by generating electricity locally, but also help delay or avoid huge capital costs associated with transmission and generation additions.

The [Mississippi Renewable Energy Net Metering and Interconnection Rule](#) was adopted by the MPSC on December 3, 2015, and established the regulatory framework that facilitates a consumer's right to self-supply electricity and right to connect to the grid. The Net Metering Rule also establishes how any excess generation of electricity is valued and compensated when sent to the grid by the distributed generation owner. (The Mississippi Renewable Energy Net Metering and Interconnection Rule is currently under review by the MPSC.)

By April 1 of each year, electric utilities subject to the rule shall submit an Annual Net Metering and Interconnection Report to the Commission. The report includes information such as the number of net metering customers, the type of technology installed and the amount of interconnected generation capacity. The results of the utilities' annual reports is summarized below.

Entergy Mississippi, LLC (2016-UN-32)

Entergy Mississippi, LLC (EML) serves approximately [461,000 customers in 45 of Mississippi's 82 counties](#). [EML's Net Metering and Interconnection Report for Calendar Year 2021](#) indicates that thirty-nine (39) customers with a total nameplate capacity of 397.10 kW executed solar Net Metering Agreements during 2021. Previously, Twelve (12) customers executed Agreements during 2020; Twenty-three (23) customers executed Agreements during 2019; Nineteen (19) customers executed Agreements in 2018; Twenty-two (22) customers executed Agreements in 2017.

At the end of 2021, 117 EML customers (116 solar and 1 wind) have executed Net Metering Interconnection Agreements since EML implemented its Net Metering Program in September 2016. The 117 Net Metering Interconnected customers (0.025% of EML's customer base) have achieved the following: Represent 1,296.44 kW in distributed generation capacity; Delivered 537,511 kWh to the grid; Collected \$32,721 from EML for the energy exported to the grid.



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The 1,296.44 kW capacity represents 0.0457% of EML's 2021 Total System Peak Demand of 2,884 MW. Currently, EML may refuse Net Metering Applications if total Net Metering Interconnection capacity exceeds 3.0% of Total System Peak Demand. EML's Total System Peak Demand increased from 2,860 MW in 2020 to 2,884 MW in 2021.

At the end of 2021, EML had 150 total distributed generation facility customers. These include 33 distributed generation customers that existed prior to the start of EML's Net Metering Program and the 117 customers that have executed Net Metering Interconnection Agreements since then. The 150 total distributed generation customers at the end of 2021 (0.0325% of EML's customer base) represent 1,480.14 kW of distributed generation capacity and 0.0513% of EML's Total System Peak Demand of 2,884 MW. To participate in Entergy Mississippi's net metering program, visit https://www.entergy-mississippi.com/net_metering/.



Dec 27, 2021 Walnut Grove 1.28 MW Solar / 5.14 MWh battery storage project owned by Mississippi Power Company

Mississippi Power Co. (2016-UN-33)

Mississippi Power Company (MPCo) serves approximately [190,000 customers in 23 of Mississippi's 82 counties](#). MPCo's [Net Metering Report and Interconnection Report for Year Ended 2021](#) indicated that forty-three (43) customers with a total nameplate capacity of 1,173.65 kW were approved for interconnection in 2021. Thirty-five (35) of those are in operation. Previously, thirty-four (34) customers were approved for interconnection in 2020; Forty-five (45) customers executed solar Net Metering Interconnection Agreements during 2019; Thirty-seven (37) customers executed Agreements in 2018; Thirty-eight (38) customers executed Agreements in 2017.

At the end of 2021, 217 MPCo customers were Renewable Energy Net Metering (RENM) Program participants. The 217 RENM interconnected customers (0.114% of MPCo's customer base) have done the following in 2021: Represent 2,965.29 kW in distributed generation capacity; Delivered 946,777 kWh to the grid; Collected \$51,695.61 from MPCo for the energy exported to the grid. The 2,965.29 kW capacity represents 0.1954% of MPCo's Total System Peak Demand of 1,517.65 MW. Currently, MPCo may refuse Net Metering Applications if total Net Metering Interconnection capacity exceeds 3.0% of Total System Peak Demand.

At the end of 2021, MPCo had 221 total distributed generation customers with a capacity of 3,044.72, including distributed renewable generation customers that existed prior to the start of MPCo's Renewable Energy Net Metering Program in September 2016. The 221 total behind-the-meter distributed renewable generation customers at the end of 2020 is 0.116% of MPCo's customer base. To participate in Mississippi Power Co.'s net metering program, visit <https://www.mississippipower.com/residential/ways-to-save/renewable-energy/solar-energy/net-metering--your-bill.html>.

Cooperative Energy (2011-AD-2)

Cooperative Energy (CE) provides electrical power for [11 electric distribution cooperatives](#) who in turn serve approximately [437,000 customers in 55 of Mississippi's 82 counties](#). CE's [Net Metering Report and Interconnection Rule Report for Year 2021](#) indicate that ninety-three (93) customers with a combined solar nameplate capacity of 998.66 kWac executed solar Distributed Generation (DG) Agreements in 2021.



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Previously, Seventy-nine (79) customers executed solar DG Agreements in 2020; Eighty-six (86) customers executed solar Agreements during 2019; One hundred twenty-two (122) customers executed Agreements in 2018; Seventy-nine (79) customers executed solar Agreements in 2017.

At the end of 2021, CE and its 11 member cooperatives had a total of 576 solar distributed generation interconnection customers (0.1318% of CE's member cooperatives' customer base) with a total interconnected capacity of 5,847.785 kWac. In 2021, those 576 interconnected solar distributed generation customers: Delivered 2,840,287 kWh to the grid; Collected \$129,392.79 from CE for the energy exported to the grid (the DG renewable rate for 2021 was \$0.045/kwh); Represent 0.249% of CE's Total System Peak Demand. To participate in the distributed generation program, check with your local cooperative, such as Coast Electric Power Associations' [Solar Energy Page](#).

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

TVA provides electrical power to [436,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers](#) through [14 municipals and 14 cooperatively-owned utilities](#) located primarily in the [northern half of Mississippi](#). TVA and its electric distribution partners are not required to submit an annual Net Metering Report to the MPSC. However, per my request, TVA staff voluntarily provides information on the number and capacity of solar distributed generation installations located in the TVA service area. TVA reported that eight (8) new solar installations were interconnected in 2020, bringing the total number of solar distributed generation interconnected customers to 124 with a total generation capacity of 19,989 kW. Another six (6) solar distributed generation projects have executed interconnection agreements but are not yet operational.

At the end of 2020, TVA had 116 solar customers with a total generation of 19,893 kW. At the end of 2019, TVA had 94 solar customers. At the end of 2018, TVA reported 114 solar customers. The reduction in customers from 2018 to 2019 was due to expiring contracts previously offered by TVA. TVA's [Green Connect](#) program that is designed to connect homeowners with solar installers. The only Mississippi cooperatives or municipalities [participating in the program](#) is 4-County EPA and Oxford Utilities. Other TVA program include TVA [Green Switch](#), [Green Flex](#), [Green Invest](#), and [Dispersed Power Production](#).



April 29, 2021 Delta Electric Power Association's solar array in Greenwood

[NOTE: Neither Cooperative Energy nor TVA provide net metering as described in the Net Metering Rule. While Cooperative Energy does file an Annual Net Metering and Interconnection Rule Report as required by the Net Metering Rule, Cooperative Energy does not incorporate the 2.5 cents/kWh benefits adder into the rate currently credited to customers (4.5 cents/kWh) for net excess energy delivered to the grid. Due to this difference in excess generation compensation, my office does not consider solar-owning customers of CE as Net Metering Customers but rather as Distributed Generation Customers. TVA compensates solar distributed generation customers for their excess generation at the avoided cost rate published each month, which was 4.491 cents/kWh for May 2022.]



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By the Numbers:

Utility	Solar DG Customers* at end of 2017	Solar DG Customers* at end of 2018	Solar DG Customers* at end of 2019	Solar DG Customers* at end of 2020	Solar DG Customers* at end of 2021	Total Installed Solar Capacity (kW AC)	% of Peak System Demand
Entergy MS	34	53	75	110	149	1,469.04 kW	.0509%
MS Power Co.	67	105	163	227	221	3,044.72 kW	.2006%
Cooperative Energy	197	319	405	484	576	5,847.78 kW	.249%
TVA	99	114	94	116	124	19,989 kW	n/a
Total	397	591	737	937	1,070	30,350.54 kW	

(info as of Dec. 31, 2021)

*DG Customers = Distributed Generation Customer (includes Renewable Energy Net Metering Interconnected Customers & other non-net metering distributed generation customers that existed prior to the implementation of the Net Metering programs)

Rate of Compensation for Net Excess Energy Delivered to the Grid:

Utility	Avoided Cost of Wholesale Power (¢/ kWh)	RENM Customer Rate w/ NQBA (¢/ kWh)	RENM Customer Rate w/ NQBA and LIBA (¢/kWh)
Entergy MS [#]	3.2	5.7	7.7
MS Power Co.*	2.48 to 2.77	4.98 to 5.27	6.98 to 7.27
Cooperative Energy	4.5	N/A	N/A
TVA	4.491	N/A	N/A

[#]Entergy MS Rate Schedule NEM-1 (Effective June 30, 2021)

*MS Power Co. Option A Standard Rate per Rate Schedule RENM-1A (March 1, 2021)

NQBA = Non-Quantifiable Benefits Adder

LIBA = Low-Income Benefits Adder

Summary of Net Metering in Mississippi

A review of the rate regulated electric utilities' (Entergy MS and MS Power Co.) annual filings found that a total of 333 solar Renewable Energy Net Metering Interconnected systems were interconnected to the grid at the end December 2021, an increase of 60 solar installations over the prior year. Including the non-net metering solar customers of the rate regulated and the non-rate regulated electric utilities (Cooperative Electric and TVA), we find that a total of 1,070 solar installations were interconnected to the grid as of December 31, 2021.

42.71% of Mississippi ratepayers are covered by the Commission's Mississippi Renewable Energy Net Metering Rule. The remaining 57.29% of Mississippi ratepayers are customers of rural electric cooperatives and municipalities that are not subject to the Rule or are only subject to parts of the Rule. There is no policy consistency across the state to support a vibrant, stable solar market that provides equitable economic opportunities for all ratepayers. That is a significant impediment to establishing a vibrant clean energy industry sector accessible to ALL Mississippians.



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Status of Net Metering and Interconnection Rules and Community Solar Programs

The MPSC [established a new docket](#) on January 12, 2021, to Review the Efficacy and Fairness of the Net Metering and Interconnection Rules. The Order establishing the docket provided stakeholders 20 days to file a motion to intervene in the proceedings. On February 2, 2021, the Commission [invited written comments](#) to a series of issues and questions as well as experience with the Rule. Seventeen (17) parties filed written comments. The Commission then extended the comment period to May 10, 2021, to allow for the submission of responsive comments only. On January 18, 2022, the Commission issued [proposed final modifications](#) to the Mississippi Renewable Energy Net Metering Rule and the Mississippi Distributed Generator Interconnection Rule with a request that parties file final written comments on the proposed revisions by February 1, 2022. The Commission then held a public hearing on the final proposed rule modifications on February 8, 2022. All Orders and stakeholder comments can be viewed by searching the case files at 2021-AD-19. The Commission continues to review all written and oral comments in order to modify and soon put forth Final Rules. This docket provides an opportunity to potentially revise the Rules in a way that stimulate the emergence of the state's advanced energy market, provide benefits for all ratepayers, and grow the clean energy economy.

On January 21, 2022, the MPSC [established a new docket](#) (2022-AD-07) for the purpose of requesting and reviewing community solar proposals. (The MPSC had originally intended to implement a community solar program in conjunction with the revisions to the Net Metering and Interconnection Rules. But concerns challenging the statutory appropriateness of community solar convinced the Commission to explore this matter in a separate docket.) Parties were given 20 days to intervene and 60 days to file proposed rules or programs for community solar offerings. The Commission is currently reviewing the submissions filed by the parties. All Orders and stakeholder comments can be viewed by searching the case files at 2022-AD-7.

DID YOU KNOW?:

Lineage Logistics, LLC, the world's largest temperature-controlled logistics solutions provider, recently installed one of its first fully behind-the-meter solar projects at its facility in Richland, MS. Developed and owned by [Madison Energy Investments](#) and built by [Sofos Harbert](#), this 1.45 MW

behind-the-meter project includes 150,000 square feet of rooftop solar. The project's financing structure provides first year savings of more than 10% off Lineage Logistics' energy bill and half a million dollars of savings over term. The project helps Lineage Logistics to achieve their ambitious sustainability and energy savings goals. I look forward to touring this project soon.





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Drivers of Solar Growth In Mississippi

The desire to reduce home or business energy costs and the desire to reduce one's carbon emissions continue to be strong drivers of residential- and commercial-scale solar technology installations in the state. Another near-term driver is Entergy Mississippi's issuance of its [2022 Request for Proposals for Renewable Resources](#) (2022 EML Renewable RFP). The RFP documents, appendices, and bidder registration/information are available on the [2022 EML Renewable RFP website](#). Through this RFP, EML seeks to procure 500 MWac of energy, capacity, and environmental attributes from eligible renewable generation resources, including solar PV and wind. Battery energy storage will be considered as a separate option if associated with a proposed project. The next deadline associated with the RFP is the notification to bidders of primary and secondary selections on July 15, 2022.

Mississippi Power Co. also issued its [2022 Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) for solar photovoltaic renewable resources. Mississippi Power seeks to procure approximately 200 MWac of renewable energy from solar photovoltaic renewable resources. The final list of successful bidders is expected to be announced on August 1, 2022.



Challenges to Solar Growth

Although the U.S. solar industry had a record-setting year in 2021, some headwinds could challenge the industry in the near term. Constrained solar equipment availability and rising equipment prices could cause developers to delay projects. Delays at ports has created supply chain bottlenecks. A looming threat of anti-dumping and countervailing duties (AD/CVD) on Southeast Asian imports has re-emerged. This has caused some of the largest solar module suppliers to pause shipments to the U.S. Backlogs in solar project interconnection queues at many of the nation's grid operators have increased project delays. When projects are approved, increasing transmission network interconnection upgrade costs greatly impact projects' viability. Finally, the expiration of the federal Investment Tax Credit at the end of 2023 could heavily impact the market.

March 3, 2022
Northeast Middle School in Lauderdale County
with school district Supt. Dr. John-Mark Cain at
the Flip the Switch ceremony. Check out this
video made by LCSD: <https://youtu.be/fuXPrnOwvZQ>

Encouraging Market Trends

The surge of corporate procurement of clean energy resources is not expected to subside anytime soon. Utilities are working to deliver local clean energy to corporations' facilities and corporate executives are satisfying environmental, social and governance (ESG) goal through the procurement of solar energy resources. Some corporations want to verify that their contracted renewable electricity is matching the power that their facilities are consuming in real time, which is also creating demand for energy storage. Policy certainty at the state and federal levels can stabilize and create optimism for the solar sector. Congress could act on a scaled-down clean energy package. And Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' [veto of a bill](#) that would have undercut that state's growing rooftop solar market by phasing down net metering and allowing utilities to charge potentially unlimited fees on solar owners offers hope to many across the South. Solar supporters praised Governor DeSantis for supporting the thousands of solar workers and protecting the rights of Floridians to lower their electricity bills with solar. I am ready to help advance consumer choice, grow the clean energy technology sector and show that Mississippi's energy economy is open for business.



Highlights from the May 3, 2022, Docket Meeting

The Mississippi Public Service Commission met on May 3, 2022, at 10:00 am CT to consider the following [agenda](#) items:

- ☑ **The Commission** issued an [Order](#) approving **Entergy Mississippi, LLC's** Notice of Intent to Make Routine Changes in Rates related to a new program that would provide unmetered street lighting facilities for a municipality that purchases existing street lighting facilities including luminaires, poles, conductors, brackets, photo controls and any other related equipment on the load side of the Company's point of delivery. Under this program the municipality assumes all responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and replacement of the Customer-Owned Facilities. Total cost will be based on **Entergy Mississippi, LLC's** net book value of the street lighting facilities with a discount offered for lighting that has not been converted to LED. Each monthly bill to the purchasing municipality will consist of a fixed charge (\$1.12 per fixture per month) plus an energy charge based on kWh usage of LED streetlights regardless of whether the light is LED (\$.08860 per kWh for all kWh). A customer charge will also be affixed to the monthly bill for fixtures attached to **Entergy Mississippi, LLC** utility poles (\$.71 per fixture per month).
- ☑ [The Commission considered and issued an Order](#) approving **Atmos Energy Corporation's** application proposing to expand its service area in **Madison County**. The proposed service area is adjacent to existing Atmos service area in **Madison County** and will allow **Atmos** to serve the existing need for gas service in the area and to be better prepared to provide gas service should future needs arise. The estimated cost of the Project is \$280 thousand and will result in no additional rate impact since the amount is included in the annual Stable/Rate Evaluation filing as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 capital budget approved October 14, 2021.
- ☑ **The Commission** considered and issued an [Order](#) approving **Spire Mississippi Inc's** application for approval of an Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") system. The estimated cost of the Project is \$2.5 million and will result in a residential customer rate increase of \$0.37 per month in year one and decline each year thereafter.
- ☑ **The Commission** issued an [Order](#) approving the Application of Aristotle Unified Communications, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State.
- ☑ [The Commission issued an Order](#) approving the Application of **CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC** for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Services throughout the State.
- ☑ **The Commission** considered and issued an [Order](#) approving the Application of **Millry Telephone Company, Inc.** for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Provider of Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State.
- ☑ **The Commission** issued an [Order](#) approving the Application of **Neo Network Development, Inc.** Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange Service throughout the State.
- ☑ **The Commission** moved to issue Requests for Proposals for the purpose of conducting fuel audits for [Entergy Mississippi, LLC](#) and [Mississippi Power Company](#) as contemplated in Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-42.
- ☑ **The Commission** moved to take the necessary action needed regarding the **Commission's** outside counsel, as permitted in Miss. Code Ann. § 77-1-55, in order to conform all of the **Commission's** outside counsel to the same contract schedule and timeline for their professional services.



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- ❑ **The Commission** moved to grant motions for late interventions and deny motions for extension of time to file comments for the following parties in the Docket to Review Community Solar Proposals Docket No. 2022-AD-07: [Arcadia Power, Inc.](#); [Gulf States Renewable Energy Industries Association](#); [ECA Solar, LLC](#).
- ❑ **The Commission** moved to issue an [Order Granting Rankin County's](#) motion to intervene in **Entergy Mississippi, LLC's** Notice of Intent to Implement Revisions to the Formula Rate Plan.
- ❑ **The Commission** approved [Orders Referring](#) the following matters for hearing, report, and recommendation for an appropriate Order or any other action necessary pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 77-3-40(6):
- ❑ [Order Referring City of Grenada](#) regarding its application [for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct](#), Operate and Maintain a Water System in a Specified area in **Grenada County** to the Northern District Commissioner.
- ❑ [Order Referring](#) the Formal Complaint of Chad V. Stevens against **Caledonia** Water and Sewer Department to a Hearing Examiner.
- ❑ [Order Referring](#) the Petition of **MS Solar 4, LLC** for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing Supplemental Construction and Operation of a Solar Generating Facility in **Lamar County** to the Southern District Commissioner.
- ❑ [Order Referring](#) the **City of Holly Springs** Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Under the Provisions Of Section 5(B), Chapter 372, Laws of the General Session of 1956, to the Northern District Commissioner for the purpose of rescinding or amending the previously issued Commission Order.
- ❑ **The Commission** moved to approve an [Order](#) Reopening an old Docket and Consolidating with its Companion Docket for **Micro-Comm, Inc.**, investigating, and revoking a Certificate for Public Convenience and Necessity, and Referring the matter to a hearing examiner.
- ❑ **The Commission** considered and issued an [Order](#) Denying the Exceptions to the Recommended Order of the Hearing Examiner and Adopting the Recommended Order of the Hearing Examiner as the Final Order regarding the Formal Billing and Services Complaint of the **City of Clinton** against **Entergy Mississippi, LLC** in Dispute of Billing Services.

Last Week at the MPSC

- ❑ **Atmos Energy Corporation** filed a Rule 7.103 Construction [Notice](#) for the **Yandell Road** project in **Canton**. This System improvement project will replace the existing 2-inch steel main along **Yandell Road** with 6-inch steel, tie-over existing district regulator stations, and install HDPE services along the project route to retire and remove five farm taps.
- ❑ **The Commission** filed its [Notice](#) of Hearing **MS Solar 7, LLC** for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Construction and Operation of a Solar Electric Generating and Storage Electric Facility in **Clay County**.
- ❑ **BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC** filed its [Reply](#) to **Airus, Inc.**'s Response regarding the Claim of Damages.
- ❑ The following entities have submitted their Annual Energy Efficiency Reports: [Atmos Energy Corporation](#); [Mississippi Power Company](#)
- ❑ The following entities have submitted their Workforce Diversity Annual Reports: [Atmos Energy Corporation](#); [Mississippi Power Company](#); [Entergy Mississippi, LLC](#)
- ❑ **Fusion Cloud Services, LLC** filed its [Petition](#) for Approval of Proposed Service Discontinuance. Due to a substantial increase in the price of various legacy carrier services purchased by **Fusion Cloud** from incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs), the Company has-determined that it is no longer economically viable to purchase those services from the ILECs and provide the Services to wholesale and end-user customers in Mississippi and nine other states.



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The Company has arranged with certain wholesale customers to move to an alternative wholesale service; however, there remain two carrier-customers and four or fewer end-user customers that will be affected by the discontinuance of the Services. **Fusion Cloud** sent written notice to the Carrier-Customers, formally notifying them that the Company will cease providing the Services they receive, effective June 29, 2022.

- ✎ **Spire Mississippi** filed its [Notice](#) of Confidential Designation in connection with Responses to the **Public Utilities Staff's** first set of Data Requests in regard to **Spire's** Application for Approval of An Automated Meter Reading System. **Spire** believes that the information sought by the **Staff** in its Data Requests constitute both confidential commercial or financial information, and commercial and financial information of a proprietary nature which cannot be reasonably redacted and filed publicly, for which **Spire** should be protected from public disclosure, because the disclosure of such information would potentially violate certain confidentiality provisions and might give their competitors an unfair competitive advantage in the marketplace. **Spire Mississippi** also filed its [Certificate of Service](#) certifying the delivery of its Notice of Confidential Designation.

CENTRAL DISTRICT SNAPS



April 27, 2022
I attended the Pearl River Solar Park open house event at Roosevelt State Park in Scott County. The event provided community

members and officials the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of the new 175 MW solar farm coming to Scott County. Not only will the project represent a capital investment of \$235 million, but over \$52 million will be paid to local government, schools and services over the life of the project! Mississippi is glad to have teams from EDP Renewables, Signal Energy Constructors and Ampirical engage with the local community.

FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER BRENT BAILEY CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE



April 28, 2022

I joined Atmos Energy and Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital

Area to break ground for their Zero Net Energy home demonstration project that will provide a family with an affordable, energy-efficient and comfortable home. It's great to see Habitat for Humanity and Atmos Energy using their partnership to help pave the way to developing net zero energy homes as a solution to reducing the energy cost burden that face many low-income households in the south-central region of the U.S. The estimated average monthly combined energy bills for gas and electric are projected be between \$60-\$75 per month. This net zero energy home will

demonstrate a wide array of energy efficiency and distributed generation technologies available to home builders and home owners today. These real world applications are what homeowners need to have that certainty and confidence to invest in these new technologies that create additional value to the home and provide significant savings over the life of the products.



Last week, our Consumer Complaint Specialists handled a total of **14** complaints in the Central District.

Electric Companies	11
Telecommunications	2
Water/Sewer	1

Last week, the Central District received a total of **173** 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.