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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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Another Active Hurricane Season Expected

The southeastern U.S., especially Mississippi, experiences extreme weather throughout the year. We have experienced extremely cold temperatures and ice storms in the winter (think February 2021). And we have already seen multiple tornado outbreaks this year. The National Weather Service in Jackson indicates 96 tornadoes have been confirmed in Mississippi thus far in 2022. And, of course, June 1 is the start of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. It seems the southeast U.S. has been in the crosshairs for the past several years.

If predictions hold true, 2022 will be the seventh consecutive year of above normal activity. Colorado State University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences predicts 19 named storms and four major hurricanes. The Weather Company also forecasts another busy season ahead. It's outlook largely agrees with the outlook issued by Colorado State University. The Weather Company is calling for 20 named storms and four major hurricanes. Meanwhile, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said 14 to 21 named storms will develop. These numbers include tropical storms, which contain wind speeds of 39 mph or higher. Storms become hurricanes when winds reach 74 mph. NOAA predicts three to six major hurricanes. By comparison, the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season had 21 named storms, seven hurricanes, and four major hurricanes.

2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season Forecast				
	1991 – 2020 Average	Colorado State Univ.	The Weather Company	NOAA
Total Named Storms	14	19	20	14-21
Hurricanes	7	9	8	6-10
Category 3 or Higher	3	4	4	3-6

Regardless of where you live in the coastal states or how long you have lived there, just one major hurricane making landfall in your area makes it an active hurricane season. While storm surge is the leading cause of hurricane-related deaths, hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Hurricane Ida spanned nine states, demonstrating that anyone can be in the direct path of a hurricane and in danger from the remnants of a storm system. Thus, you should make proper preparations each hurricane season regardless of how much activity is predicted.



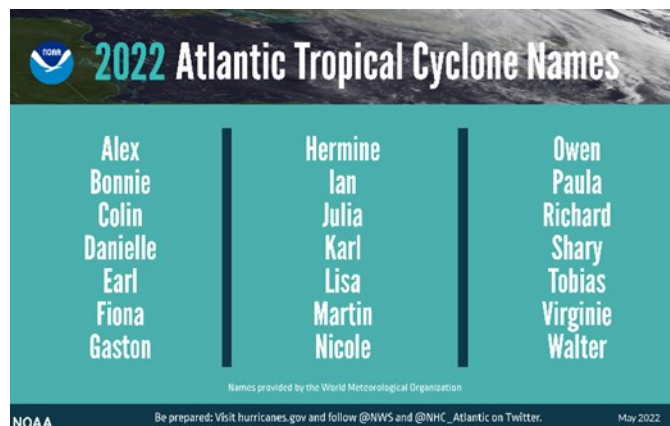
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It is important for you to understand your risks and to take proactive steps to prepare for extreme weather such as a hurricane. Visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for preparedness tips and creating an emergency plan.

Whether is it hurricanes, tornadoes or winter storms, it is inevitable that some form of extreme weather will threaten utility infrastructure.

Through our [Public Utility Infrastructure Review Report](#), the MPSC continues to work with utilities to build more resilient infrastructure, harden control centers, create redundancy for critical components, and design comprehensive communication strategies. While we are doing all

we can to reduce the impact of utility service outages for customer and communities, it is incumbent upon you to plan and prepare for the worst as utilities could be down for days or even weeks in the worst hit areas.



Last Week at the MPSC

- ✎ **Dixie Net Communications, LLC** filed its [Notices](#) of Pending Disconnect in compliance with Mississippi Rules of Practice and Procedure pursuant to the Interconnection Agreement between AT&T and **Dixie-Net Communications, Inc.**, should certain indicated amounts not be paid to AT&T.
- ✎ **The Commission** filed its [Report and Recommendation](#) on Order of the Hearing Examiner on the request of **MS Solar 7, LLC** for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction, ownership, and operation of a 200 MWac solar electric generating facility and an associated 50 MWac battery storage facility in **Clay County**.
- ✎ **Great River Utility Operating Company, LLC** filed its post-order, [Water](#) and [Sewer, Compliance Letter](#) and accompanying exhibits in accordance with the **Commission** Orders issued in Docket Numbers 2020-UA-143 and 2020-UA-144 reporting requirements.
- ✎ **The Public Utilities Staff** and **Mississippi Power Company** submitted their [Stipulation](#) in regards to **Mississippi Power Company's** Notice of Intent To Change Rates Pursuant to the Performance Evaluation Plan, Rate Schedule PEP-6. Among items agreed upon by **Staff** and **MPCo**, a PEP revenue adjustment of \$17,997,046 was allowed and the residential customer charge of \$1.23 per day is just and reasonable. Volumetric charges have been adjusted in response to the increased customer charge.
- ✎ **XO Communications Services, LLC** filed its [No. 2 Tariff Revisions](#). These revisions make corrections to XO's FCC tariff reference.
- ✎ **Rankin County** filed [Testimony](#) in regards to **Entergy Mississippi, LLC's** Notice to Implement Revisions to the Formula Rate Plan.
- ✎ **Entergy Mississippi, LLC** filed its Submittal of [Additional Evidence](#), [Exhibit A](#), and [Exhibit B](#) per request of the Hearing Examiner, in regards to its Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity seeking authorization from the **Commission** for **Entergy Mississippi** to acquire, construct, expand, own, operate and maintain a new 115/13.8 kilovolt kV substation in **DeSoto County**, 115 kV transmission lines, and 13.8 kV distribution lines. The total estimated cost of the project is \$37 million. A [Recommended Order](#) of the Hearing Examiner in regards to **Entergy Mississippi, LLC's** petition was filed with the **Commission**.



CENTRAL DISTRICT SNAPS



The 100 MW Sunflower Solar Project is nearly complete with it scheduled to be fully energized in mid Summer. Last Thursday, we joined county leaders, project developers, state representatives, and Entergy Mississippi to celebrate the mechanical completion of this project that will add diversity to the state's generation fleet.



In the later part of this week, the Central District will have an exhibit booth at the 2022 Mississippi Rural Water Association Annual Management & Technical Conference & Exhibition. The exhibition open hours are 7:30 a.m.—5 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, and 7:30 a.m.—10 a.m. on Friday, June 3. Come by and see us!



This Thursday, I will be in Cleveland, MS participating in the Rural Infrastructure Summit.



The MPSC's June Regular Docket Meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 7. The meeting is open to the public and will be streamed online.



Last week, our Consumer Complaint Specialists handled a total of **26** complaints in the Central District.

Electric Companies	23
Telecommunications	1
Natural Gas	1
Water/Sewer	1

Last week, the Central District received a total of **217** 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.