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STATEMENT FROM MS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER BRENT BAILEY

STATE OF EMERGENCY — CITY OF JACKSON WATER SYSTEM PROBLEMS

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI— Today, Public Service Commissioner Brent Bailey released the following statement regarding the State of Emergency declared in response to the ongoing public health and service quality concerns of the Jackson water system:

"I appreciate the State of Mississippi's multi-agency effort of responding to and taking an active role to assist the City of Jackson during their water crisis. Following the mobilization of the State's resources, it is our hope that over the next few days and weeks personnel can successfully diagnose and repair the many challenges facing Jackson's water treatment plant. While the PSC does not officially regulate the City of Jackson's water system or water customers within the city limits, we do regulate certain customers located beyond the city limits of Jackson. I look forward to the upcoming constructive conversations and the implemented improvements. As we all know, this crisis impacts thousands and thousands of residents and businesses, and we will work with all parties in whatever way we can to seek long term plans for the capital city's water system."

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