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Presley: Small Business Incentives Top \$5.5 Million in Savings for Small Businesses

Hernando, Mississippi (October 18, 2022) – Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley made a stop to C & C Diesel Performance in Hernando today to highlight the small business programs that are offered by investor-owned utilities.

The programs were first proposed by Presley in 2011 and have since been made a permanent program by Atmos and Entergy and annually renewed since 2011 by the remaining investor-owned utilities. Over the last decade, the incentives have helped 7,980 Mississippi "mom and pop" businesses save \$5,553,100 in utility costs by way of reduced rates and alternative deposit options.

"These are the people creating jobs, staying in Mississippi and hiring Mississippians. We should continue to help them open, expand and create jobs. C & C Diesel Performance is a perfect example. Over the course of their enrollment in the program, they are expected to save over \$700. That is real savings that can be used elsewhere in their operation," Presley said.

In effort to make more businesses aware of the available assistance, Commissioner Presley will be touring other businesses who have benefited from these programs in Grenada, Tallahatchie, Carroll, and Lee Counties over the coming days.



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