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Office of Commissioner Brandon Presley MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NORTHERN DISTRICT

Presley Approves \$9,123,901 in 2024 Federal Broadband Funding

Tupelo, Mississippi (August 28, 2023) – Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley signed orders re-designating the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) status of nine local electric cooperative subsidiaries for \$9,123,901 in grants to be spent in 2024 from the FCC’s Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (“RDOF”) for broadband expansion. Totally, the nine providers received \$91,380,620 from RDOF, which will be disbursed over ten years.

“One of my top priorities as Public Service Commissioner is ensuring every rural Mississippian has access to affordable, reliable, fiber-to-the-home broadband service. Whether it be for telework, telemedicine, or online education, internet accessibility is indispensable in our 21st Century economy and way of life. I am proud to join forces with these electric cooperatives in working to meet the needs of all Mississippians. Every dollar of these funds will make a difference in communities across our state. I will not stop until every home on every rural, backroad in Mississippi is connected,” said Commissioner Brandon Presley.

Commissioner Presley re-certified the following electric cooperative subsidiaries:

ACE Fiber by Alcorn County Electric: \$550,590.48

M-Pulse Fiber by Monroe County Electric: \$819,100.80

NT Spark by Natchez Trace Electric: \$1,031,059.20

NE SPARC by North East Mississippi Electric: \$1,265,233.80

Prentiss Connect by Prentiss County Electric: \$680,315.04

TVI Fiber by Tallahatchie Valley Electric: \$2,017,380.80

TEPA Connect by Tippah Electric: \$676,635

Tombigbee Fiber by Tombigbee Electric: \$985,510.20

Tishomingo Connect by Tishomingo County Electric: \$1,098,076.20

Residents who would like to sign up for service or inquire about service availability at their address can contact Commissioner Presley’s office at 1 (800) 637-7722.



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