



Mississippi Public Service Commission

The Honorable Chris Brown, Northern District Commissioner

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MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER CHRIS BROWN ISSUES STATEMENT ON LEE COUNTY NATURAL GAS INCIDENT

New Albany, MS (March 13, 2025) – Today, Mississippi Public Service Commission Chairman Chris Brown of the Northern District released the following statement regarding the natural gas incident on an Atmos Energy line in Lee County that occurred during routine maintenance on Wednesday morning, resulting in several injuries and loss of service for 17,460 customers.

“Our prayers are with the injured workers, their families, and all of those affected by this incident. The safety of our communities is our top priority, and we appreciate the prompt response of emergency services and Atmos Energy in containing the situation and responding. We also want to recognize the Mississippi Public Service Commission Pipeline Safety Division for being on the scene and working to ensure the safety of workers and the public. The Pipeline Safety Division has completed their investigation and released the site back to Atmos. Our office continues to work closely with Atmos Energy, emergency responders, cities, towns and ratepayers to ensure that affected areas receive support.”

Cities and towns in Lee County that were affected by the incident include: Belden, Guntown, Plantersville, Pontotoc, Saltillo, Shannon, Tupelo, and Verona. We encourage residents to check for updates from Atmos Energy on their Lee County natural gas outage page at atmosenergy.com/LeeCounty.

Chairman Brown will be joining the City of Tupelo and Atmos Energy for a press conference today at 1:00 p.m. at Tupelo City Hall to provide an update to customers who have been impacted.

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