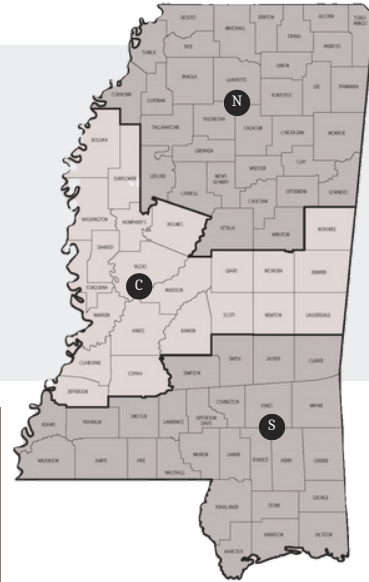




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Southern District

Your Commissioners would like to take a moment to express their heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated men and women who serve as linemen across our great state. These unsung heroes work tirelessly to keep the lights on, communities connected, and power flowing. Their bravery, skill, and selflessness are truly commendable, and we're grateful for their service.

On Lineman Appreciation Day and every day, we recognize the sacrifices they make and the dedication they bring to their critical work. Thank you, linemen, for all that you do to keep Mississippi powered and thriving!



## Working For You!

At the Commission's April Open Meeting, your three Commissioners proclaimed April 18th as Lineman Appreciation Day in Mississippi.

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR UTILITY BILL:

#### How the MPSC can help:

Power bills and gas bills can be complicated.

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The Commission  
conducted their April  
Open Meeting Tuesday,  
April 1 to consider  
items on the docket.

WATCH NOW



Get ready for hurricane season! Your Commissioners urge you to start making preparations now to ensure your safety! From stocking up on emergency supplies to having a family emergency plan in place, taking proactive steps can make all the difference. Stay informed, stay prepared, and stay safe Mississippi!

## Upcoming at the Commission

**1**  
MAY  
Commission  
Hearing Room

Commission's  
May Open  
Meeting

**13-14**  
MAY  
Biloxi, MS

MPSC Gas  
Operators  
Conference

### CELEBRATING LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY WITH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES STATEWIDE



Pontotoc Electric Power Association



Twin County Electric Power Association



Singing River Electric Power Association





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# NORTHERN District



**Commissioner Chris Brown  
Chairman**

*Dear Northern Mississippi Residents,*

April has been a month of both challenges and gratitude. As severe weather swept across Mississippi, bringing several tornadoes for multiple consecutive days, our communities were tested—but we rose to the occasion.

The storms left behind a trail of destruction across the Northern District. From downed trees to damaged power lines and devastated neighborhoods, the effects were significant. I had the opportunity to tour some of the hardest-hit areas and see the damage firsthand, capturing [images](#) of some of the damage. What stood out most wasn't just the destruction—but the determination of those working tirelessly to put things back together.

## Honoring Our Linemen: The Backbone of Recovery

These storms reminded us just how critical our linemen are. While most of us take shelter, they head into the heart of the storm's aftermath; restoring power, clearing hazards, and making sure our communities can begin to recover.

This Lineman Appreciation Month, I wanted to make the effort to give special recognition to the dedicated lineman crews from our utilities across the Northern District, visiting as many as possible and issuing resolutions from the Northern District officially recognizing these dedicated individuals. I also had the opportunity to recognize Northwest Mississippi Community College for their excellent utility line worker program which is training the next generation of these heroes. Whether it's restoring electricity in record time or working 16-hour shifts in unpredictable weather, these men and women are true public servants. They exemplify courage, resilience, and a deep commitment to the people of Mississippi.

To every lineman who braved the storms and continues to serve—thank you. Your work doesn't go unnoticed. You are heroes in hard hats, standing between us and darkness, and we're proud to stand with you this month and every month. As I am honored to serve as your Commissioner, I am even more humbled by the dedicated service which you provide every day of the year.

Thank you,

*Commissioner Chris Brown, Chairman*

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# CENTRAL

# District

*Dear Central Mississippi Residents,*

April has truly been a month of abundance, progress, and powerful connection. From honoring the frontline heroes who keep our communities running, to engaging with leaders across the state and nation, I've had the privilege of representing you in critical spaces where the future of Mississippi is being shaped.

**Here are a few highlights from this month's journey across our great state and beyond:**  
**Lineman Appreciation Day – April 18, 2025**

During our monthly docket meeting, my fellow Commissioners and I proudly declared April 18 as Lineman Appreciation Day in Mississippi. These brave men and women are the quiet heroes—facing storms, floods, and disasters to restore power and keep our state moving forward. Their commitment and courage speak volumes, and to them, we offer our deepest gratitude.

**National Energy Summit – New York**

This month, I had the opportunity to attend the Energy Summit in New York, where I joined national thought leaders and industry experts to explore solutions for a stronger energy future. From grid reliability to clean energy transitions, I brought Mississippi's voice to the table—and returned home with fresh insights to help build smarter, more resilient infrastructure for our communities.

**Economic Development Luncheon – Jefferson & Claiborne Counties**

I joined Central District Transportation Commissioner Willie Simmons and local leaders for a robust conversation on economic development. The energy in the room was undeniable—rooted in vision, urgency, and a shared resolve to unlock new opportunities for our region.

**Celebrating Community Colleges**

In celebration of National Community College Month, I visited East Central Community College for their Business, Education, and Health Care Fair. Community colleges are cornerstones of opportunity—lifting up students with ambition, talent, and purpose. As I often say: our community colleges are from communities, for communities.

**Politics & Pancakes – Supporting Homeownership**

Attorney Bridgette Morgan represented our office at the Politics and Pancakes breakfast, where Mississippi legislators emphasized the importance of expanding homeownership. These discussions were a powerful reminder that access to affordable housing is key to both family stability and economic mobility.

**Twin County EPA's Linemen Celebration**

I was honored to recognize the incredible work of Twin County EPA linemen—professionals who play a vital role in our everyday lives. Celebrating their dedication was a powerful moment of reflection on the essential services that keep Mississippi moving.

**Canton Municipal Utilities Hearing**

I presided over a key Commission hearing regarding water and sewer rates for Canton Municipal Utilities, where a rate increase was ultimately approved. I stood firm in my message: low rates can be just as harmful as high ones if they prevent us from building safe, sustainable, and future-ready systems. Every Mississippian deserves access to infrastructure that safeguards quality of life and supports economic growth.

As always, thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve. The work continues—and I remain committed to doing it with transparency, compassion, and focus. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient Mississippi.

With gratitude,

*Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps*

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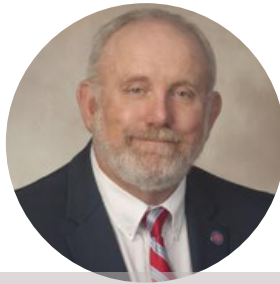
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# SOUTHERN District



**Commissioner Wayne Carr**

*Dear Southern Mississippi Residents,*

This month, on April 18th, we celebrated an important day of recognition: National Lineman Appreciation Day. Linemen are often the unsung heroes of emergency situations, acting as first responders to ensure that homes, businesses and schools can power appliances, to stay warm or cool, and to keep the lights on. These utility professionals' brave dangerous conditions - like stormy weather and extreme temperatures - and work long hours away from loved ones - frequently during holidays, early mornings, and late nights - all for the sake of helping out Mississippians in their most vulnerable times. Linemen deserve the utmost respect and appreciation every day - without them, our world would simply not survive.

To honor the hard work and dedication of Mississippi's linemen, I traveled around the Southern District and visited the lineman apprentice programs at Pearl River Community College (PRCC) and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC) along with electric cooperatives in our district. While visiting these places, I had the pleasure of learning more about the lineman industry in our state, seeing firsthand the comprehensive training that prospective linemen undergo before becoming a field worker, and meeting program directors, lineman students, field linemen, and cooperative personnel.

Additionally, WDAM TV welcomed me into their studio on April 9th to do a live, on-air interview about the importance of National Lineman Appreciation Day. I enjoyed speaking about this special day and what it means for our district, and I had a great time meeting WDAM TV staff and reporters. You can watch that interview - along with another WDAM TV interview about Southern District updates - on their website: <https://www.wdam.com/>.

Thank you to all who made this National Lineman Appreciation Day, and this month, truly outstanding. I am already looking forward to celebrating the next Lineman Appreciation Day!

There's a few other district-specific matters that I'd like to bring to your attention:

- **Bluestown Solar Hearing:** On April 3rd, I presided over a hearing regarding Bluestown Solar solar facility, which will operate in Lawrence and Jefferson Davis Counties. I appreciate everyone who attended, and I look forward to working with the constituents in these counties as Bluestown Solar continues to develop their facility.
- **MPSC Pipeline Safety Operators Conference:** I am excited to give the opening remarks at the MPSC's Pipeline Safety Operators Conference, held in Biloxi from May 13th - 15th! Stay tuned for conference updates and other information from the MPSC.
- **Jasper Solar, LLC Hearing:** On May 21st, I will preside over a hearing regarding the Jasper Solar solar facility in Jasper County. Please join us at the Jasper County Justice Court starting at 5:30 PM for this event.

Don't hesitate to contact my offices in Biloxi or Jackson - we are here for the people of Mississippi!

Sincerely,

*Commissioner Wayne Carr*

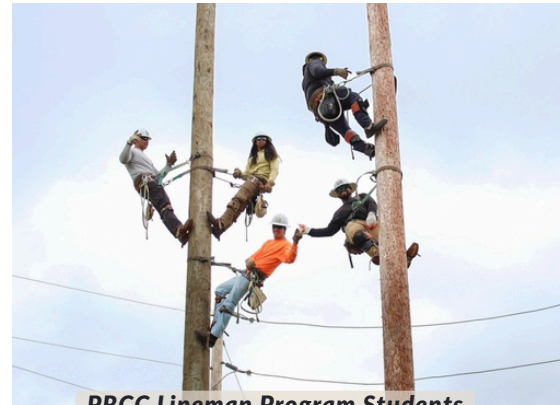


New Orleans, LA

April 14-17



**PRCC Lineman Program Director Tyler Davis,  
PRCC Poplarville Campus, April 7**



**PRCC Lineman Program Students  
PRCC Poplarville Campus, April 7**



**MGCCC Lineman Program Director Russell  
Fairley, MGCCC George County Campus, April 8**



**WDAM Studio Interview  
Moselle MS, April 9**

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