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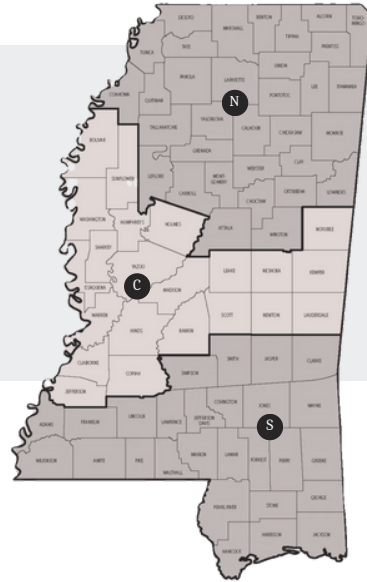
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The Mississippi Public Service Commission has scheduled a show-cause hearing for the Holly Springs Utility District (HSUD). The hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. on September 4th at the New Albany Municipal Court. At the hearing, HSUD will be called upon to answer to the findings of the Silverpoint Consulting report which was recently filed with the Commission. Your Commissioners strongly encourage public participation in the upcoming show-cause hearing, emphasizing that this is more than a procedural requirement—it is critical for HSUD to address the issues raised in the report and to clarify its actions.



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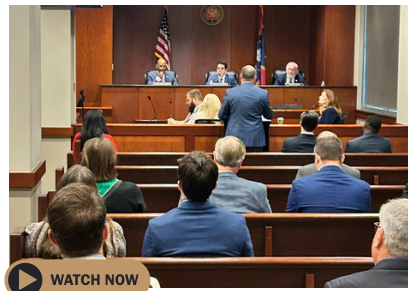
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The Commission
conducted its
August Open
Meeting Tuesday,
August 5 to
consider items on
the [docket](#).

Upcoming at the Commission

SEPT 4 Commission's Show-Cause
Hearing for HSUD
New Albany
Municipal Court

SEPT 9 Commission's September
Open Meeting
Commission
Hearing Room

Mississippi Public Service Commissioners
Host Mississippi's

Power Grid Summit

Aimed to focus on ensuring grid reliability and maintaining reliable, affordable, and readily available energy for Mississippi's ratepayers

How states like Mississippi can best safeguard energy reliability while balancing cost and accessibility

Central District Commissioner
De'Keither A. Stamps

Northern District Commissioner
Chris Brown

Southern District Commissioner
Wayne Carr

Thursday, September 25

MPSC Courtroom
Woolfolk Building
501 N West Street, Jackson

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



20 Years Later:

This week marks the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, a devastating storm that reshaped lives and many communities across Mississippi. As we reflect on this tragedy, we honor the memories of those we lost and the countless individuals who faced unimaginable challenges in the aftermath. Katrina tested our resilience, revealing both the vulnerabilities and strengths within us. It is a powerful reminder of the importance of preparedness, compassion and community in the face of disaster. As we remember this tragic event, let us commit to supporting one another and preparing for the 2025 hurricane season, ensuring that such hardships in Mississippi are met with strength and unity.



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**Commissioner Chris Brown
Chairman**

NORTHERN District

Dear Northern Mississippi Residents,

USDA Pauses Solar Subsidies on Farmland — A Victory for Farmers and Energy Security

In a move that reaffirms America's agricultural and energy priorities, Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins has announced a pause on federal subsidies for solar panels installed on prime farmland.

"Our prime farmland should not be wasted and replaced with Green New Deal-subsidized solar panels," said Secretary Rollins. "It has been disheartening to see our beautiful farmland displaced by solar projects, especially in rural areas that have strong agricultural heritage. Subsidized solar farms have made it more difficult for new and young farmers to access affordable farmland."

As Commissioner for the Northern District and Chair of the Mississippi Public Service Commission, I fully support this decision. It is a step in the right direction and a reaffirmation of American values, which is why I voiced my support for this action:

"In Mississippi, we are focused on energy sources that are 100% reliable, 100% of the time, such as nuclear and natural gas. Families and businesses cannot afford to depend on intermittent sources that fail when the sun doesn't shine, or the wind doesn't blow. Reliability is not optional; it is the foundation of economic growth, national security, and quality of life."

I encourage you to read my full statement on the policy change and my vision for energy leadership and security for Mississippi in my statement [here](#).

A New Era for Reliable Power: TVA Signs Deal for Advanced Nuclear

The Trump Administration's action on taxpayer funded solar supports a national shift towards energy security which we are seeing right here in Mississippi. In a historic first for the U.S. energy sector, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has signed a power purchase agreement for an advanced nuclear reactor. Set to be operational by 2030, the reactor will generate up to 50 megawatts, enough to power 36,000 homes, and be connected directly to TVA's electric grid.

This is exactly the kind of forward-thinking investment that we need: energy that is secure, reliable, and Made in America. Mississippi is ready to lead in this next chapter of American energy which is pro-growth, pro-family, and pro-farmer.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Chris Brown, Chairman

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Energy Leadership Starts at Home—and It Starts with Smart Policy *By Chris Brown, Chair, Mississippi Public Service Commission*

The recent action by Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins to pause federal subsidies for solar panels on prime farmland is more than a regulatory adjustment, it is a statement of purpose. It is a commitment to two core American priorities: preserving our agricultural strength and securing our energy future.

As Chair of the Mississippi Public Service Commission, I strongly support an approach to energy rooted in national security, economic strength, and state-led innovation. Secretary Rollins' decision aligns with that vision by reinforcing the idea that energy policy must not come at the expense of the very land that feeds and sustains this nation.

America's strength has always come from its land, whether through abundant natural resources or the farmers and workers who keep our nation moving. Secretary Rollins is right to ensure that the heartland is not sacrificed in the name of poorly planned subsidies or foreign supply chains.

Energy leadership means producing more American energy, on American soil, using American labor and materials. That is why the USDA's decision to block taxpayer dollars from subsidizing solar panels made in adversarial nations is so important. When we rely on panels from Beijing, we weaken our strategic position. When we empower American workers and producers, we strengthen it.

Our position in Mississippi is not anti-solar. We recognize the value of solar for private use, whether by homeowners, farmers, or businesses that choose to invest in panels for their own energy needs. But the future of energy is not going to be built on large footprints of unreliable sources that take prime farmland out of production and raise costs for families. It will be built on resources that are dependable, affordable, and American-made.

In Mississippi, we are focused on energy sources that are 100% reliable, 100% of the time, such as nuclear and natural gas. Families and businesses cannot afford to depend on intermittent sources that fail when the sun doesn't shine, or the wind doesn't blow. Reliability is not optional; it is the foundation of economic growth, national security, and quality of life.

We are also committed to regulatory clarity, something that investors, utilities, and ratepayers all deserve. We support innovation, but not confusion. We support clean energy but not mandates that ignore economic reality.

Secretary Rollins is taking the right step by aligning USDA policy with the Trump Administration's broader goal of strengthening America's energy security. This move is pro-America! It recognizes that energy policy is a national security policy. It recognizes that farmland is a strategic infrastructure. And it affirms that taxpayer dollars should serve American priorities, not subsidize foreign supply chains.

Energy leadership does not happen by accident, it happens through deliberate, strategic decisions that protect what matters and build what is needed. The USDA's updated policy is one of those decisions. It puts America first, our farmers first, and our energy future on stronger footing.

Mississippi stands ready to lead in that future, with policies that are pro-growth, pro-family, and pro-American energy.



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Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps

CENTRAL

District

Dear Central Mississippi Residents,

Federal Communications Commissioner

Commissioner Stamps recently met with Federal Communications Commissioner Olivia Trusty, Senator Roger Wicker, and the Mississippi BEAM office to discuss expanding broadband access across the state. The conversation focused on strengthening partnerships and developing solutions that will deliver more reliable and accessible service to communities throughout Mississippi.

Blossom Apartments

Residents of Blossom Apartments have endured an inhumane situation after their water service was cut off—through no fault of their own. The property owner, who owes more than \$400,000 in unpaid water bills, failed to meet this basic responsibility, leaving families without water for more than two weeks despite residents faithfully paying their own bills.

In response, our office organized an event to provide food, thanks to B&B Barbecue, and clean water, thanks to Mississippi Move, to show our care and support for these residents during this difficult time. This is not the first time we've stepped in to help the people of Blossom Apartments, and it will not be the last.

As your Public Service Commissioner, I remain committed to ensuring that the people we serve have their basic needs met, are treated fairly, and receive the dignity and rights they deserve as human beings.

CBCI Summit in Tunica, MS

The Mississippi Public Service Commission was honored to be represented at the Congressional Black Caucus Institute's Mississippi Policy Conference, where Dr. LeMia Jenkins joined a panel of powerhouse leaders for a timely and impactful discussion: "Resilient Cities: Communities, Innovation, and Clean Energy Policy."

The PSC remains committed to advancing policies that deliver real results for real people. Opportunities like this national dialogue ensure that Mississippi is both contributing to — and learning from — the broader conversation on clean energy, resiliency, and community empowerment.

"I am grateful for the invitation and exchange of ideas with such brilliant minds. This work is ongoing, and the Mississippi Public Service Commission will continue to champion innovation, access, and equity for the communities we serve," said Dr. Jenkins.

Soul City Solar Hearing

We held a hearing on the proposed Soul City Solar project—a nearly 6,000-acre development that would be the largest solar project in Mississippi.

This project has the potential to deliver major economic benefits:

- 430 construction jobs for Hinds County and 1,314 statewide
- \$57.6 million in new output for Hinds County during construction and \$190 million statewide
- \$83 million in school district property taxes over the life of the project
- \$145 million in total property taxes for all local taxing districts over the life of the project

We also heard concerns from residents about property values, noise, and zoning. Every voice matters in this process, and we are committed to making a prudent decision that reflects the best interests of the community and the state.

Sincerely,

Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps

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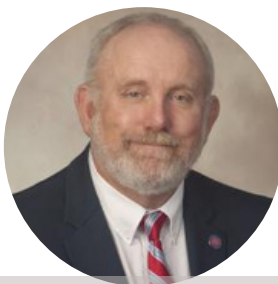


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SOUTHERN District



Commissioner Wayne Carr

Dear Southern Mississippi Residents,

This month, my office staff and I have been grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the Southern District, focusing on supporting our district communities and statewide utility-related matters. I want to provide an update on notable items from this time.

August 2025 marks the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and I want to take a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication of our district utility providers after the storm. Katrina resulted in significant damage to utility infrastructure, but our utilities worked day and night through hazardous conditions to make sure their customers had full utility restoration. In fact, just three weeks after Hurricane Katrina demolished most of their meters, our electric co-ops had power back on for their customers. Katrina recovery efforts would not have happened without the tireless commitment of our district utility providers, so I sincerely thank these brave men and women for paving the way for Southern District communities to heal and rebuild.

In light of Katrina's 20th anniversary, the Southern District has included a hurricane preparedness graphic on the PSC's website. I encourage you to [view](#) it to make sure that you and your family are prepared for hurricanes.

Additionally, I had the opportunity to attend a town hall hosted by the Gulf Park Estates neighborhood in Ocean Springs, joined by representatives from Great River, where we discussed community concerns about water and sewer. I believe events like town halls are especially significant for our communities because they offer an outlet for citizens to be heard by their local officials and provide opportunities for transparency and clarity on issues that impact citizens. Overall, the Great River town hall was productive, and I greatly enjoyed being a part of it and hearing from some of our district residents.

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

- **Pearl River County Technology Park:** Congratulations to Pearl River County for officially breaking ground on their new technology park! The facility will house technology and aerospace businesses, bringing new jobs and economic development opportunities to the area.
- **State of the County:** On August 12, I attended Harrison County's 2025 State of the County Address. As a native resident of Harrison County, I enjoyed learning about the county's accomplishments over the past year and appreciated the opportunity to support one of our district counties.
- **2025 Energy Job Fair:** I was excited to meet with representatives from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security to discuss Mississippi's Energy Job Fair coming to Biloxi on October 2. More details to come - stay tuned!

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

Sincerely,

Commissioner Wayne Carr

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Meeting with Mississippi Department of Employment Security - Jackson, August 5



Harrison County 2025 State of the County Address - Biloxi, August 12



Discussing Great River Town Hall with WLOX - Biloxi, August 12



Example of Hurricane Katrina damage that utilities had to work through in Long Beach



Mississippi 811's 8/11 Day event at Puckett Rents - Biloxi, August 11

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