

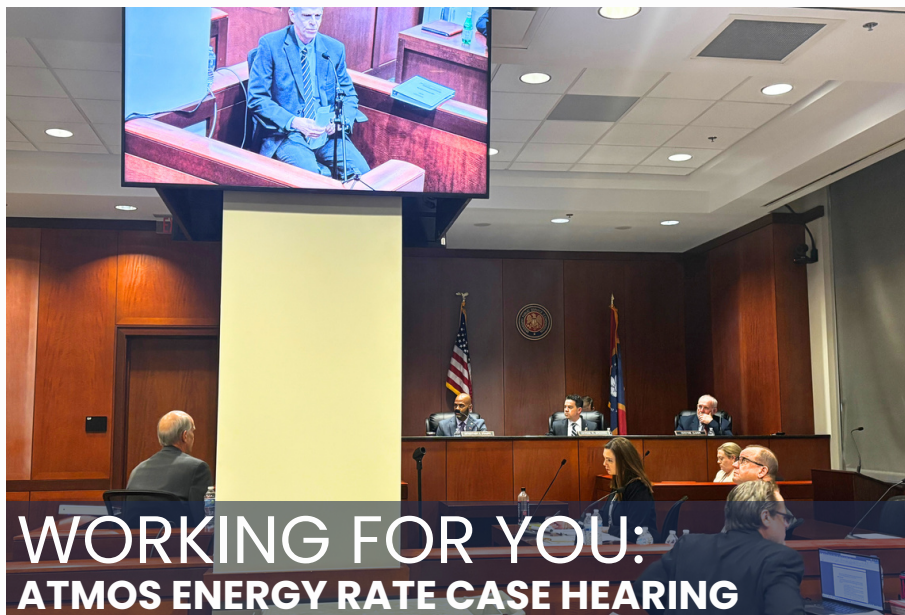


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WORKING FOR YOU: ATMOS ENERGY RATE CASE HEARING

The Mississippi Public Service Commission is currently reviewing a request from Atmos Energy for a rate increase originally scheduled to take effect on November 1, 2025. Submitted in early June 2025, this request seeks to address the rising operational and maintenance costs that the company has experienced since its last rate adjustment. The proposed increases are substantial, with residential customers potentially facing an additional \$12.30 per month, commercial customers around \$79.56, industrial customers about \$674.95, and those using transportation services potentially incurring increases of approximately \$953.82 per month. [READ MORE>>>](#)



As October ushers in cooler temperatures, an excellent energy efficiency tip is to prepare your home for the winter months. Start by sealing any drafts around windows and doors with weather stripping or caulk to prevent heat loss. This simple step can significantly reduce your heating bills and enhance comfort. Additionally, consider adjusting your thermostat. A slight reduction in temperature by just a few degrees can lead to noticeable energy savings.

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Commissioner
Central District

Commissioner Chris Brown
Chairman
Northern District

Wayne Carr
Commissioner
Southern District

Upcoming at the Commission

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Commission's November
Open Meeting
Commission's Hearing Room

**NOV
5-7**

Mississippi Damage
Prevention Summit
Biloxi, MS

**NOV
9-12**

2025 NARUC Annual Meeting
and Education Conference
Seattle, Washington

OCTOBER OPEN MEETING

*The Commission conducted its
September Open Meeting
Thursday, October 16 to consider
items on the docket.*

**AGENDA****WATCH
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MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION**





Chris Brown

Northern District



Highlights from the Northern District:



September 30–October 3 – Atmos General Rate Case

At the beginning of the month I, alongside the Central and Southern District Commissioners, presided over a hearing regarding a rate change request by Atmos Energy. The request to raise gas rates cites rising costs since its last rate adjustment and the need for infrastructure upgrades. If approved, the proposed increases would add about \$12.30 per month for residential customers, \$79.56 for commercial, \$674.95 for industrial, and \$953.82 for transportation service users. Our review focuses on ensuring the increases are justified, in the public interest, and compliant with safety and regulatory standards. Our aim is to balance customer protection with Atmos Energy's need to recover costs and invest in system improvements that enhance reliability and safety.



October 15 – Mississippi Rural Water Association Fall Training

It was an honor to speak at the Mississippi Rural Water Association Fall Training. As a proud rural water customer, we remain committed to building trust and collaboration with our rural systems, working together to ensure reliable service for communities across Mississippi.



October 16 – Speaking with Hinds Community College Students

I had the pleasure of speaking with students from Hinds Community College through Commissioner Stamps' Classroom to Commission program following our monthly Docket Meeting. It's always inspiring to connect with the next generation of leaders and foster a pathway into the utility field for interested youth.



October 22 – TVA Groundbreaking in Lowndes County

I joined Tennessee Valley Authority officials and local leaders to break ground on TVA's new Caledonia Combustion Turbine Facility. This project will add approximately 500 megawatts, enough to power 250,000 homes, by May 2028. It's a major step toward meeting Mississippi's growing energy needs and supporting local jobs.



Honorable Mention – A Happy Ending for Bucky!

Our office had a surprise visitor: a friendly pup named Bucky! Thanks to community help, we were able to locate his owner, and Bucky is now safely back home. We're grateful to everyone who shared our post and helped bring him home.



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De'Keither Stamps

Central District



Highlights from the Central District:

Classroom to Commission

Commissioner De'Keither Stamps has launched Classroom to Commission, a new initiative connecting students with career opportunities in utilities, government, and public service. The program kicked off with Hinds Community College during the PSC's October 14 docket meeting and will expand throughout the Central District. The Central District extends its thanks to the president, faculty, and staff of Hinds Community College for their support.

Entergy Mississippi's Vicksburg Advanced Power Station

On October 21, Commissioner Stamps joined state and local leaders to celebrate the groundbreaking of Entergy Mississippi's Vicksburg Advanced Power Station in Warren County. The \$1.2 billion investment represents a major step forward for the region, bringing more than 560 construction jobs, permanent operational positions, and new tax revenue to the local economy. Projects like this strengthen communities, attract new industries, and create a foundation for higher-paying jobs across Mississippi. Commissioner Stamps extended his gratitude to Governor Tate Reeves, the Mississippi Legislature, Entergy Mississippi, and local officials in Warren County for their collaboration and leadership in making this project possible. He emphasized that partnerships like these demonstrate how effective public policy and private investment can work together to deliver meaningful results for the people of Mississippi.

Celebration of Mississippi Success

Commissioner De'Keither Stamps attended the Mississippi Center for Public Policy's Celebration of Mississippi Success event, where he joined public officials and industry leaders from across the state. Commissioner Stamps reaffirmed Governor Tate Reeves' vision for Mississippi's growth through innovation, investment, and collaboration across public and private sectors.



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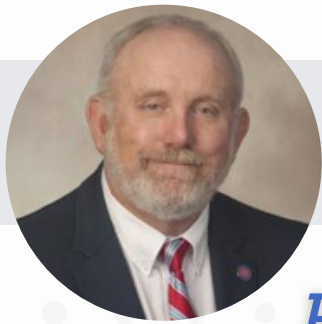
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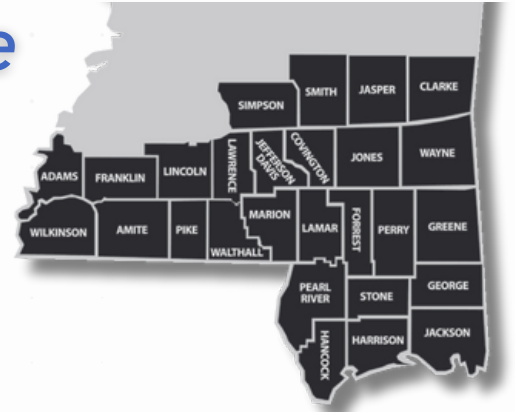


Wayne Carr

Southern District



Highlights from the Southern District:



> **Atmos Rate Case in Jackson**

October began with Commissioner Carr joining his fellow commissioners in Jackson for the Atmos Rate Case. During the hearing, the Commission heard arguments from both Atmos Energy and the Public Utilities Staff. The Public Service Commission will use these arguments to determine whether, and to what extent, Atmos Energy will be allowed to increase rates to improve gas infrastructure across its service area.

> **Classrooms to Commission Initiative**

Following the October docket meeting, Commissioner Carr joined Commissioner Stamps in speaking to a group of students from Hinds Community College as part of Commissioner Stamps' Classrooms to Commission initiative. Commissioner Carr encouraged the students to never stop learning and wished them great success in their future careers.

> **OMS Annual Meeting**

From October 19–23, Commissioner Carr attended the Organization of MISO States (OMS) Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. During the meeting, commissioners discussed key topics such as evolving system needs, future-proofing the electric grid, and long-term planning strategies.

> **Tour of Plant Vogtle**

On October 29, Commissioner Carr and several staff members toured the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant in Waynesboro, Georgia. Vogtle is a four-unit nuclear power plant with a total generating capacity of 4,536 megawatts, making it the largest nuclear power facility in the United States—and the only one in the country with four reactors.

> **Recognizing Electrical Cooperative Month**

October was Electrical Cooperative Month, and Commissioner Carr and his staff would like to extend their appreciation to all the electric cooperatives in the Southern District and throughout Mississippi. Your dedication ensures that residents continue to receive affordable, reliable power. Thank you for all that you do for Mississippi.



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