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WORKING FOR YOU: STRENGTHENING GAS SAFETY: PSC ATTENDS THE MNGA TRADESHOW

The Mississippi Public Service Commission was honored to exhibit and participate in the Mississippi Natural Gas Association (MNGA) Tradeshow in Tupelo this month, reaffirming our commitment to advancing natural gas and pipeline safety across the state. Chairman Chris Brown, Northern District Commissioner, provided opening remarks on Wednesday, and we appreciated the opportunity to engage with MNGA members and industry leaders on key issues impacting the natural gas sector. Kaleb Gibson, Director of the Commission's Pipeline Safety Division, along with Northern District Investigator John Thompson and Southern District Investigator Trent Boykin, connected with gas operators from across their districts throughout the event. We extend our sincere thanks to MNGA Executive Director Cherrell Grogan for her excellent leadership in organizing another successful tradeshow. We look forward to participating again next year.

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Upcoming at the Commission

- MAR 10** Commission's March Open Meeting 10:00 a.m. Commission's Hearing Room
- MAR 24-25** MS Rural Water Association Operator Expo Brandon, MS

FEBRUARY OPEN MEETING

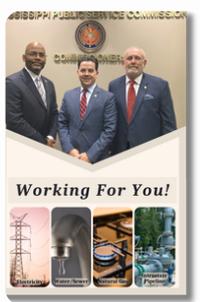
The Commission conducted its February Open Meeting Tuesday, February 17 to consider items on the docket.

AGENDA

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



District staff Jared, Terri, and George were honored to represent the Mississippi Public Service Commission at the Mississippi Association of Supervisors 2026 Mid-Winter Legislative Conference in Flowood.

Mississippi Public Service Commissioners Host Mississippi's ENERGY WORKFORCE & EDUCATION SUMMIT

POSTPONED

Highlighting the critical role of workforce development in ensuring Mississippi's energy future

Exclusive Breakout Session for Students immediately following the summit 12:00-12:30 p.m.

MPSA Courtroom Woolfolk Building 501 N West Street, Jackson

For more information and to register for the Summit, visit: WWW.PSC.MS.GOV

POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

SAVE THE DATE Thursday, April 2 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

VIEW THE AGENDA

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Northern District



Highlights from the Northern District:



➤ **February 13: Tupelo Kiwanis Club**

I was honored to speak with the Tupelo Kiwanis Club and provide an update on the work of the Mississippi Public Service Commission as we discussed the recovery efforts following Winter Storm Fern and the work ahead to continue serving and protecting Mississippi ratepayers. I am grateful for the opportunity to engage with community leaders and keep Mississippians informed.

➤ **February 17: PSC Docket Meeting**

The Mississippi Public Service Commission held its regular open docket meeting to conduct official business with transparency and accountability. During the meeting, we heard from the Holly Springs Utility District. The public deserves clarity regarding projected costs, the scope of repairs, and the level of rehabilitation required. The system will require total rehabilitation to ensure reliable and safe service moving forward. Reliable electricity is essential, and the people of Mississippi deserve full transparency and decisive action.

➤ **February 17: Young Americans for Liberty at Ole Miss**

Following our Docket meeting, I was glad to join Young Americans for Liberty at Ole Miss for a discussion on the work of the PSC. We talked about the importance of energy policies focused on reliability, affordability, and long-term stability, and I appreciated the thoughtful questions and engagement from these students.

➤ **February 18: Mississippi Natural Gas Association Tradeshow**

I was honored to serve as the opening speaker at the Mississippi Natural Gas Association Tradeshow in Tupelo. Natural gas continues to play a critical role in providing reliable and affordable energy for Mississippi families and businesses. Ensuring access to dependable energy remains a top priority as our state continues to grow.

➤ **February 19: Council of Governments**

I appreciated the opportunity to speak at the Council of Governments meeting in Tupelo and meet with leaders from across Lee County. We discussed how dependable energy infrastructure supports economic growth, job creation, and strong communities. When our energy system is strong, Mississippi families and businesses have the opportunity to thrive.

➤ **February 22: DeSoto Technix National Championship**

Congratulations to DeSoto Technix (Team 23521) on winning the national title at the United States Governor's Cup Robotics Competition. This talented group of students represented Mississippi exceptionally well and finished undefeated in the playoff rounds. Their hard work and excellence in engineering make our state proud.



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Central District



Highlights from the Central District:

Winter Storm Fern – Community Engagement & Relief Efforts

At the start of the month, I traveled across the state meeting with supervisors, council members, mayors, and residents to support recovery efforts following Winter Storm Fern. My priority was simple: listen, assess, and help local leaders navigate both the internal and external impacts of the storm. In addition to policy-level engagement, I joined volunteers at a meal-packing event hosted by Entergy Mississippi and Extra Table, assembling meals for families affected by the storm. While the role of Commissioner often requires operating in formal and regulatory capacities, I firmly believe leadership also means showing up, on the ground, in the community, and alongside the people we serve. I continue to pray for the safety, healing, and strength of every family impacted.

February Open Docket Meeting

During the February Open Docket Meeting, my fellow Commissioners and I voted on several agenda items aimed at strengthening reliability and modernizing infrastructure across Mississippi. We also received updates from HSUD regarding improvements to their system. These discussions are essential as we continue advancing investments that ensure safe, dependable, and forward-looking utility service for our state. Reliability is not just a regulatory goal, it is foundational to economic growth, public safety, and quality of life.

NARUC Winter Policy Summit

From February 8–11, I attended the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Winter Policy Summit, where utility leaders from across the country convened to address emerging policy challenges and opportunities within the sector. This year, I had the honor of moderating a panel on Data Centers and Water Usage, featuring leaders from Amazon Web Services and Bluefield Research. As data centers rapidly expand nationwide, it is critical that regulators understand how these facilities impact water systems, energy demand, and long-term infrastructure planning. The conversation underscored the importance of balancing economic development with responsible resource management. Mississippi must be prepared to lead thoughtfully in this space.

Storm Response & Resiliency Roundtable

On February 17, I convened a Storm Response and Resiliency Roundtable to conduct a comprehensive review of Winter Storm Fern's impact. Representatives from Atmos Energy, Delta Utilities, and Entergy Mississippi provided data on system performance and response efforts during the ice storm. Community voices were also central to the discussion, including Alderman T.J. Mayfield and members of the West Jackson Homeowners Association. The dialogue was candid, substantive, and solutions-focused. While the roundtable highlighted significant efforts to maintain safety and restore service, it also clarified areas where improvement is necessary. Resiliency requires both accountability and collaboration, and we are committed to both.

Carter G. Woodson Centennial Honors Brunch

On February 21, I was honored at The Brother Carter G. Woodson Centennial Honors Brunch. Standing alongside leaders and changemakers from across the Central District was both humbling and inspiring. Public service is never an individual effort, it is a shared commitment to progress. I remain deeply grateful for the recognition and the opportunity to serve.

Honoring Commissioner Willie Simmons

I also had the privilege of attending the historic placement of a land marker honoring Willie Simmons. Commissioner Simmons' legacy reflects decades of steadfast leadership and service to Mississippi. Moments like this remind us that infrastructure is not only about roads and utilities, it is also about legacy, impact, and commitment to community.



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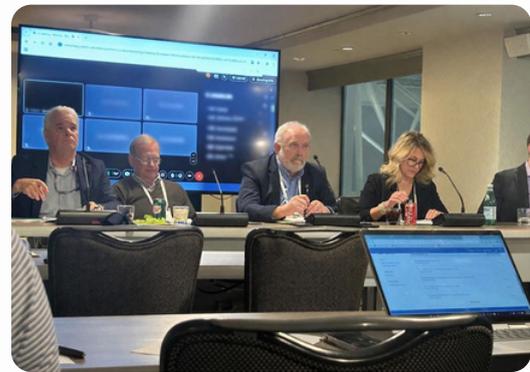
Wayne Carr

Southern District



Highlights from the Southern District:

- > Honored to serve as President of ERSC! Leadership matters, especially when it comes to protecting reliability and keeping energy affordable for the people we serve.
- > It was good to have my staff at the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Midwinter Convention in Flowood.
- > Washington, D.C. attending the NARUC Winter Policy Summit alongside commissioners from across the country.
- > A sincere thank you to all the linemen who worked tirelessly to restore power after Winter Storm Fern. Your long hours, dedication, and sacrifice helped bring light and comfort back to our communities. We are truly grateful.



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