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WORKING FOR YOU:

RECOGNIZING MISSISSIPPI 811 DURING SAFE DIGGING MONTH: PROTECTING MISSISSIPPI'S UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE

April is recognized as Safe Digging Month in Mississippi, and your Commissioners were proud to **highlight** the vital work of Mississippi 811 and the professionals who protect our state's underground utility infrastructure. Staff members from Mississippi 811 were presented with a **resolution** during the April Open Meeting in recognition of their service to Mississippians statewide. Before starting any digging project—large or small—remember to contact 811 to keep communities safe and essential services running smoothly.

Upcoming at the Commission

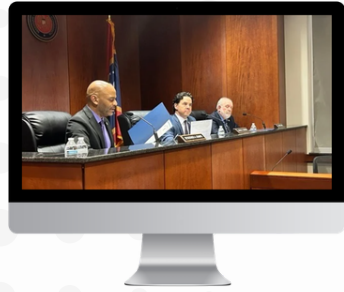
- May 5** Commission's Memorial Day Flag Folding Ceremony
Mississippi Veterans Monument
- May 5** Commission's May Open Meeting
Commission's Hearing Room
- May 28-29** Mississippi Rural Water Association Annual Management & Technical Conference & Exhibition
MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, Biloxi, MS

APRIL OPEN MEETING

The Commission conducted its April Open Meeting Tuesday, April 14 to consider items on the docket.

AGENDA

WATCH NOW



On April 2, 2026, the Commission hosted the Energy Workforce & Education Summit at the historic Woolfolk Building in Jackson. Leaders from education, industry, and workforce development discussed the needs of Mississippi's energy sector, with presentations centered on aligning educational programs with industry demands and addressing critical skills gaps. The summit concluded with a breakout session that allowed students to engage directly with the Commissioners, highlighting its importance to the state's energy future.



The Commission's Pipeline Safety Division Director, Kaleb Gibson, and District staff members attended Mississippi 811's Safety City event for hands-on demonstrations in locating, hydro-vac, and damage reporting, and we're grateful to the sponsors, attendees, and trainers for their outstanding work.

Your Mississippi Public Service Commissioners are honored to invite you to a **MEMORIAL DAY FLAG FOLDING Ceremony**

Join us as we come together to pay tribute to Mississippi's brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 9:15 AM

*Mississippi Veterans Monument
In front of the Woolfolk State Office Building
501 N West St, Jackson, MS 39201*

Join us for a Memorial Day Flag Folding Ceremony. All are welcome to attend and reflect.

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Highlights from the Northern District:



Celebrating Lineman Appreciation Month Across the Northern District
 April is Lineman Appreciation Month, and I had the privilege of spending time with many of the hardworking men and women who keep our communities powered across the Northern District. Linemen perform demanding and often dangerous work, and their dedication is especially evident during major events like Winter Storm Fern, when they work long hours under challenging conditions to restore service. I am grateful for their service and proud to recognize the vital role they play in keeping Mississippi running, including visits with Entergy Mississippi (April 7), Prentiss County Electric Power Association (April 15), New Albany Light, Gas & Water (April 16), Tombigbee Electric (April 17), and Pontotoc Electric Power Association (April 20).

Recognizing April as Safe Digging Month
 At our monthly docket meeting, the Mississippi Public Service Commission **recognized** April as Safe Digging Month and honored the 811 professionals and partners who help keep Mississippi safe. Every call before you dig helps prevent damage, protect infrastructure, and save lives. We are grateful for those leading these important efforts across our state.

April 14 – Prentiss County Republican Executive Committee Meeting
 Effective service requires engaging directly with active community members like the Prentiss County Republican Executive Committee. We discussed my role as Northern District Commissioner, recent work at the Public Service Commission, and I was glad to answer questions from those in attendance.

April 15 – Tippah County Board of Supervisors Meeting
 I attended the Tippah County Board of Supervisors meeting in Ripley. Tippah County was one of the hardest hit during Winter Storm Fern, and continued coordination between local leadership and the Public Service Commission is critical in times of crisis.

April 20 – Alcorn County Board of Supervisors Meeting
 It was good to be in Alcorn County with the Board of Supervisors. The local Boy Scouts did an excellent job opening up the meeting in prayer. It is always encouraging to see young people engaged in their communities. Alcorn County faced significant challenges during Winter Storm Fern, and I'm committed to supporting the work being done to move forward.

April 28 – New Albany Kiwanis Club
 Thank you to the New Albany Kiwanis Club for inviting me to share an update on the work of the Public Service Commission and discuss key issues impacting communities across Mississippi's Northern District. I appreciate the chance to connect with community leaders and keep constituents informed on the issues that matter to Mississippi ratepayers.



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Central District



Highlights from the Central District:

Greetings Central District Residents,

By Grace & Grit: A Month of Service, Workforce Development, and Community Impact This month marked a meaningful period of service, connection, and impact across Mississippi. The Central District office of the Mississippi Public Service Commission remained focused on strengthening communities, advancing workforce development, and recognizing those who power our state each day. Below are a few highlights from this month's work:

MPSC Energy Workforce Education Summit

The Mississippi Public Service Commission hosted the Energy Workforce Education Summit, convening industry leaders, students, and community stakeholders from across the state. Participants from Hinds County and a group of young adults from West Jackson were in attendance, underscoring the importance of expanding equitable pathways into the energy workforce and preparing the next generation of leaders.

Community Check Presentations

Check presentations were held in Lauderdale County and the City of Brandon, supporting continued investment in local communities. These efforts reflect an ongoing commitment to workforce development, infrastructure, and economic growth throughout the district.

Linemen Appreciation Events

This month also included opportunities to recognize the backbone of Mississippi's energy infrastructure—our linemen. Through events such as the Mississippi Power Lineman Luncheon, the Southern Lineworkers Luncheon, and the Southwest Linemen Breakfast, their dedication, resilience, and service were honored. In the wake of recent severe weather, their continued focus on safety and restoration remains critical to keeping communities connected.

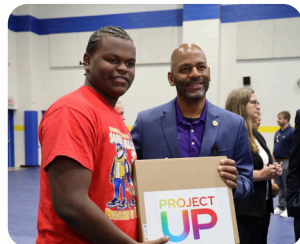
Shirley Simmons Middle School Engagement

Community engagement remained a priority with a visit to Shirley Simmons Middle School. Through a Comcast-supported initiative, students received laptops to help bridge the digital divide and expand access to educational and technological resources.

Vicksburg High School Military Ball

Commissioner Stamps was honored to serve as keynote speaker at the Vicksburg High School Military Ball. The message delivered emphasized service, discipline, and purpose—values that continue to guide the work of the Commission and its commitment to the people of Mississippi.

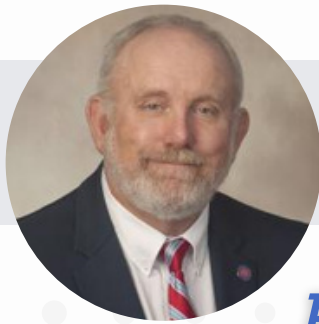
From workforce development to community engagement, these efforts reflect a shared mission: to strengthen Mississippi, expand opportunity, and serve with purpose.



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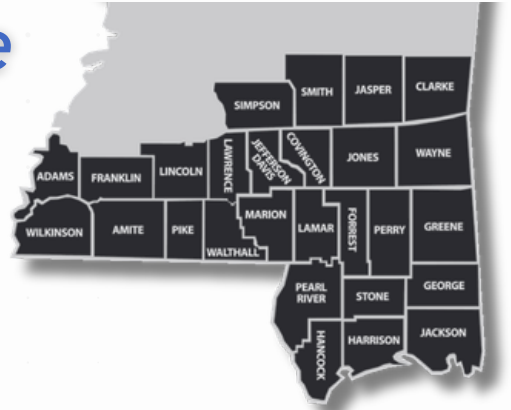


Wayne Carr

Southern District



Highlights from the Southern District:



- > What a great day at the Energy Expo & Job Fair! We had a strong crowd, with job seekers and employers connecting and creating real opportunities. I am thankful for everyone who helped make it a success. Mississippi's workforce is strong, and our future is even stronger.
- > I am grateful for our linemen and the families who support them, especially during Linemen Appreciation Month in April. Your service, resilience, and hard work keep Mississippi moving forward, and we are stronger because of you. Thank you for all you do.
- > It was a great day for our team at the 811 event as they learned more about the critical work that protects our communities and infrastructure. Seeing how underground utilities are located and problems are prevented is a strong reminder that one simple call can save lives, prevent outages, and avoid costly damage.
- > This month we honored Anthony Wilson and dedicated the Workforce Development and Training Center in recognition of his 40 years of service and leadership. From starting as a co-op student in Biloxi to leading Mississippi Power, his commitment to safety, reliability, and workforce development has left a lasting impact on Mississippi. It was an honor to celebrate a legacy that will continue shaping future generations.
- > We had a great day at the Energy & Education Workforce Summit, and I'm thankful to join leaders and workers focused on powering Mississippi's future. Reliable and affordable energy remains key to our growth.



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