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WORKING FOR YOU:

FROM RECOVERY TO RESILIENCE: MISSISSIPPI COASTAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT

The Mississippi Public Service Commission hosted its From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Coastal Hurricane Preparedness Summit on October 8 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Biloxi. The one-day event brought together utility leaders, emergency management officials, elected leaders, and coastal community partners to share lessons from past storms and strengthen how Mississippi prepares for, responds to, and recovers from hurricanes. Featured speakers included Governor Haley Barbour, Representative Mike Ezell, MEMA Executive Director Stephen C. McCraney, former WLOX Chief Meteorologist Carrie Duncan, and Brigadier General Benjamin J. Spraggins, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. All three Commissioners also took part in panel discussions. Panels covered electric, natural gas, and water utility operations, along with cybersecurity, port recovery, marine debris, and mutual aid, giving attendees practical insight from the experts who work on these issues every day. The Commission is grateful to every speaker, panelist, and participant, especially those who made the summit a priority even as a storm threatened the coast. Together, they helped ensure that the conversation about hurricane readiness continues long after the summit ended.

Upcoming at the Commission

NOV 4-6 ***Mississippi Damage Prevention Summit–*** *Hosted by ACTS Now, Inc., Biloxi, MS*

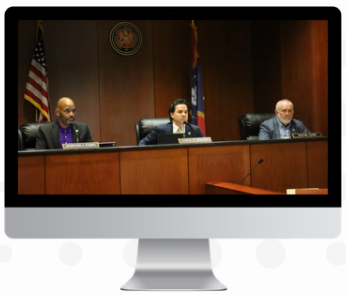
NOV 17 ***Commission's November Open Meeting–*** *10:00 a.m. Commission's Hearing Room*

OCTOBER OPEN MEETING

The Commission conducted its October Open Meeting Tuesday, October 6 to consider items on the docket.

AGENDA

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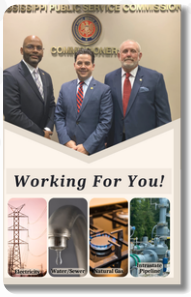






On October 1, the Mississippi Public Service Commission joined the Mississippi Department of Employment Security and several other companies at the Energy Expo & Job Fair in Jackson. Our team connected with job seekers and shared information about the many rewarding careers available across Mississippi's energy and utility industries. We were glad to take part in an event that helps connect Mississippians with opportunities to build a future in the field, and we thank everyone who stopped by to visit with us.

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Highlights from the Northern District:



October 5 — Tate County Republican Party's 8th Annual Banquet

I was happy to support the Tate County Republican Party at its 8th Annual Banquet. The evening offered an opportunity to connect with fellow Mississippians, share in fellowship, and celebrate the values that bring us together. Congratulations to everyone who helped make the event a success.

October 6 — Attala County Reliability Update

At the Commission's October Docket meeting, we heard from Sean Gaudet from Entergy Louisiana, who has been selected by Entergy Mississippi to direct and supervise efforts to improve reliability for the customers of Attala County. This is in response to concerns from ratepayers at a community meeting held in Attala County on September 22, 2026, following extended outages.

To the ratepayers of Attala County: we see you, and we hear you. Losing power, especially for extended periods, disrupts your work, your families, and your daily lives, and this Commission is here to make sure your concerns are taken seriously. We want you to know that this matter has our attention and will continue to press for the delivery of reliable service that our constituents in Attala County deserve.



October 8 — Working Together for a Storm-Ready Mississippi

The Mississippi Coastal Hurricane Preparedness Summit at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College was a great opportunity to help Mississippians be better prepared for some of nature's worst disasters. Thank you to Southern District Commissioner Wayne Carr for hosting this important event and bringing together leaders and organizations to strengthen hurricane preparedness along our coast.

I appreciated the opportunity to moderate the Mutual Aid in Motion panel, which highlighted the roles nonprofit and faith-based organizations play in responding to hurricanes and supporting coastal communities. Thank you to Kathy Springer of United Way of South Mississippi and Josh Barton of Home of Grace for joining the discussion and sharing their perspectives on supporting communities before, during, and after a storm.



October 12 — Connecting with Mississippians at the 86 Percent Event

Thanks to my friend Robert Foster for organizing and hosting the first annual 86 Percent Event at Cedar Hill Farm. I appreciated his invitation to speak and his work to bring people together for a meaningful evening of community and discussion. I spoke with Mississippians about my commitment to affordable, reliable energy and the work we are doing to maintain both for families and businesses across our state. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening a success.



October 14 — Advanced Nuclear Energy in Mississippi

There are great opportunities for Mississippi with the promise of advanced nuclear technologies, and I spoke about that potential with the Magnolia Tribune. As electricity demand continues to grow, I believe next-generation nuclear energy can play an important role in providing reliable power and supporting innovation across our state. Mississippi has an opportunity to be part of this new era in nuclear energy, and I am working with state and federal partners to explore what that future could look like.





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Highlights from the Central District:



- ***2026 Energy Expo & Job Fair: Powering Mississippi's Workforce***
  Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps attended the 2026 Energy Expo & Job Fair at the Mississippi Trade Mart, engaging with job seekers, industry professionals and community leaders. The PSC Central District also hosted an informational booth, connecting attendees with valuable resources and career opportunities. The event highlighted the importance of workforce development and preparing Mississippians for opportunities within the state's evolving energy industry.

- ***From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Coastal Hurricane Preparedness Summit***
  Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps joined fellow leaders and emergency management professionals in Biloxi for the Mississippi Coastal Hurricane Preparedness Summit, hosted by the Mississippi Public Service Commission. Commissioner Stamps led the Pledge of Allegiance and moderated the "Water & Wastewater Systems Under Storm Surge" panel, highlighting infrastructure resilience, utility restoration and emergency preparedness. The summit emphasized the importance of proactive planning and collaboration to strengthen Mississippi's resilience before disaster strikes.

- ***PSC Central District Connects with Future Leaders at Bennie G. Thompson College & Career Expo***
  Representing Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps, Communications Director Michelle Boyd and Director of Consumer Services George Butler participated in the Annual Bennie G. Thompson College & Career Expo in Greenville, MS. The team engaged with students and attendees, sharing information about the PSC's role, career pathways, internship opportunities and higher education. Their participation reinforced the Central District's commitment to empowering Mississippi's next generation of leaders through education, outreach and public service.



- ***Building a Stronger Fayette: Fayette Travel Center Groundbreaking***
  Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps joined community leaders, local officials and development partners for the groundbreaking of the Fayette Travel Center, a $6 million investment projected to create 10–15 permanent jobs. During his remarks, Commissioner Stamps emphasized the importance of collaboration, economic development and shared vision in strengthening Mississippi communities. The project represents a significant step toward expanding economic opportunities and revitalizing Fayette and Jefferson County.



- ***Strengthening Mississippi's Energy Grid: $4.2 Million Federal Investment***
  The Mississippi Public Service Commission's Central District was represented by Communications Director Michelle Boyd, who attended on behalf of Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps for Entergy Mississippi's announcement of $4.2 million in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Energy's SPARK initiative. The investment will support modernization of approximately 375 miles of transmission lines, strengthening grid reliability, capacity and resilience. The initiative highlights the importance of strategic infrastructure investments that promote reliable, affordable electricity for Mississippi customers.

- ***Celebrating National Co-Op Month: Honoring Southwest Mississippi Electric Power Association***
  In recognition of National Co-op Month, Director of Consumer Services George Butler represented Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps in Lorman, MS, presenting a resolution honoring Southwest Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA). The resolution recognized the cooperative's nearly 90 years of dedicated service, commitment to reliable electricity and contributions to rural community development. The recognition highlighted the vital role electric cooperatives play in powering progress and strengthening Mississippi communities.





- ***Investing in Fondren: The Lofts at Fondren Taste Grand Opening | Ribbon-Cutting***
  Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps attended the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for The Lofts at Fondren Taste in Jackson, MS, celebrating continued investment and revitalization in the Capital City. Communications Director Michelle Boyd presented a special PSC resolution on his behalf, recognizing the owners and developers for their entrepreneurial vision, perseverance and commitment to community development. Commissioner Stamps also delivered congratulatory remarks, emphasizing the importance of private investment, determination and economic growth in strengthening Mississippi communities.

- ***Investing in Future Leaders: FCCLA/DECA "Next Big Thing" Student Event***
  Mississippi Public Service Commission Investigator Elizabeth Blackshire represented Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps and the Central District as a volunteer judge for the FCCLA/DECA "Next Big Thing" student event on October 21 at the Hilton Jackson Hotel. The event provided students with opportunities to strengthen their leadership, communication, critical-thinking and career-readiness skills. Her participation reinforced the Central District's commitment to community engagement, youth empowerment and investing in Mississippi's next generation of leaders.













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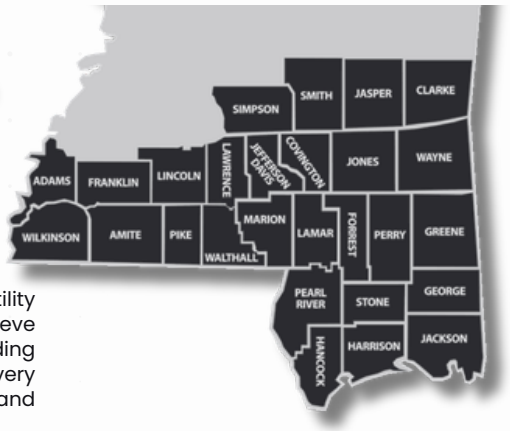
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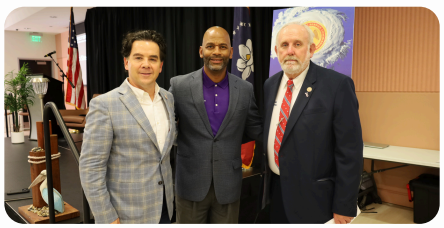
- ***October Docket Meeting***
  During the October monthly docket meeting, I continued asking tough questions to ensure utility companies are transparent and the public understands the decisions that affect their bills. I believe our responsibility is to Mississippi ratepayers, and that means examining utility expenses, demanding accountability and challenging companies to find real savings. Even when we may not agree on every issue, I will continue standing by my principles and advocating for reliable service, transparency, and fair and reasonable costs.
- ***From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Coastal Hurricane Preparedness Summit***
  On October 8, the Public Service Commission hosted the From Recovery to Resilience: Mississippi Coastal Hurricane Preparedness Summit in Biloxi. The summit brought together leaders from across the state to discuss hurricane preparedness, emergency response and recovery. I appreciate everyone who participated and helped make this event an opportunity to share knowledge, strengthen partnerships and better prepare our communities for future storms. Following the summit, Hurricane Isaias brought another reminder of the importance of being prepared for severe weather. I want to thank Mississippi's utility companies and their crews who traveled to neighboring states to help restore power and support recovery efforts.



- ***Visiting Local Republican Clubs***
  Throughout October, I had the opportunity to visit with members of the Lamar County Republican Club, the Pearl River County Republican Women's Club and the Harrison County Republican Club. During my visit with the Pearl River County Republican Women's Club, I spoke about the work of the Mississippi Public Service Commission and issues affecting utility customers. I appreciate the opportunity to connect with community members and share information about the work of my office.



- ***George County Industrial Railroad Project***
  I returned to George County to check on progress at the industrial park railroad project. After working with George County Board of Supervisors and Atmos Energy to help facilitate the relocation of a natural gas line, it was good to see the project moving forward. Supporting local economic development means helping bring the right people together to work through challenges and find solutions.
- ***Entergy Regional State Committee Working Group***
  On October 23, I traveled to New Orleans to participate in the Entergy Regional State Committee (E-RSC) working group meeting. These discussions provide an opportunity to stay engaged with regional energy issues and matters affecting the states and utility customers within the Entergy region.



- ***Organization of MISO States Annual Meeting***
  From October 26 to 28, I traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, for the Organization of MISO States (OMS) Annual Meeting. The meeting brought together fellow regulators to discuss regional electricity issues that can affect Mississippi's utilities and ratepayers.
- ***Recognizing National Co-op Month***
  October is National Cooperative Month, and I was glad to recognize the important work electric cooperatives do for the communities they serve. On October 29, we visited Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association, Magnolia Electric Power Association and Dixie Electric Power Association to present resolutions thanking them for their service and commitment to their members. I appreciate the work these cooperatives do to keep their communities powered and connected.



















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