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Annual Report

Ending June 30, 2014

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The Honorable Governor and Members of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Sections 77-3-90 and 27-101-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated, the Public Service Commission of the State of Mississippi is privileged to present herein its Annual Report for the period beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2014.

In compiling the Annual Report, we have endeavored to present a comprehensive, informative record of the official acts of this Commission, including opinions and orders. For the sake of economy and brevity, we have compiled and presented herein the formal orders of the Commission in an abbreviated and condensed form.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Collier, Executive Secretary

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HISTORY AND COMPOSITION

Governor Robert Lowery signed the Act creating the Mississippi Railroad Commission on March 11, 1884. The Governor appointed the first Commissioners - Stone, Augustus, and McWillie to serve for two years, and then until 1892, the Legislature elected the Commissioners to serve two-year terms.

In the year 1886, by Act of the Legislature, the Commissioners were made the "Board of Control" for the State Penitentiary, and all convicts were immediately leased to the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad Company for a period of six years for construction work.

In 1892, express, telephone and telegraph were placed under Commission jurisdiction, and in 1906, the Commission was relieved of its duty as the Board of Control for the State Penitentiary.

For many years the Commission served as Tax Assessor for the various utilities under its jurisdiction but this function has been delegated to the State Tax Commission.

In 1926, the Commission was given limited authority to regulate motor carriers for hire. In 1938, motor carrier activity had increased and more extensive regulation was necessary. The Legislature then passed the Motor Carrier Regulatory Act, changing the name of the body to the Public Service Commission and placed regulation and supervision of motor carriers under its jurisdiction.

At the 1956 Session of the Legislature, the electric, gas and water utilities were placed under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

At the 1958 Session of the Legislature, legislation was passed amending the Motor Carrier Regulatory Act of 1938, broadening the scope of exceptions under the Act and providing for the employment of a chief enforcement officer and six inspectors.

The Legislature passed legislation in 1968 to amend the 1956 Utility Act to include the regulation of sewage disposal systems by the Public Service Commission.

The year 1983 brought about several changes that enabled the Public Service Commission to better serve the people of the State. The Public Utilities Reform Act of 1983 was signed on April 6, 1983. Major points of the Act are as follows:

Does not allow rate increases under bond unless approved by the Public Service Commission. Allows rates under bond during the appeal process and direct appeal to the Supreme Court.

Shortens time for Public Service Commission to decide on case from 180 days to 120 days.

Provides for additional staff to handle added duties. Also calls for hiring of hearing examiners.

All contracts over \$1 Million are to be filed with the Public Service Commission. All contracts with affiliates or subsidiaries are to be filed with PSC. Any unreasonable expenses are to be disallowed for ratemaking purposes.

Major construction projects will be monitored. All construction work over \$200,000 is to be awarded to the lowest and best bid.

Public utilities may have no more than one major change in rates in effect under bond at the same time.

The Public Service Commission will monitor fuel adjustment clauses with greater detail.

Management reviews are to be conducted on the utility companies.

Most advertising expenses will not be paid by the ratepayer.

Thus, at the present time, communication, electric, gas, water and sewer utilities are under the supervision and regulations of this Commission. The Commission was given certain broad and discretionary powers which have been recognized and sanctioned by the courts. The following delegated powers and prerogatives are generally accepted and sanctioned by the courts:

- 1. LEGISLATIVE powers and authority, which include the promulgation of rules and regulations, and the prescribing and fixing of just and reasonable rates.
- 2. QUASI-JUDICIAL powers and authority in certain official acts of the Commission in its renditions, opinions, and resultant orders.
- ADMINISTRATIVE powers and authority which include the enforcement of all rules and regulations, all orders and directives issued by the Commission, and all prescribed rules and laws enacted by the Legislature and assigned to this department for enforcement.

The Public Service Commission of the State of Mississippi is composed of three elected Commissioners, one from each of the Supreme Court Districts, thus giving representation to all sections of the State.

The Commissioners are elected in the general election at the same time all other State and County officials are elected. Their term of office is for four years beginning on January 1, following election.

It is the Commission's responsibility to see that rates and charges for service are just and reasonable, that the approved rate schedules are adhered to, that the service rendered is reasonably adequate, and that the facilities constructed or acquired are required for the convenience and necessity of the public. In carrying out its responsibility, the Commission must answer complaints, make investigations, and conduct both formal and informal hearings.

The Commission is required, by law, to meet at its office on the first Tuesday of each month, with the provision that not more than two meetings can be pretermitted in any one year. The Commission is to have such other meetings at such other times and places that it deems necessary to conduct the business of the people before this Commission.

During the 1990 regular Legislative session, S.B. No. 2679 was passed and mandated a reorganization of the Public Utilities Staff. The Public Utilities Staff, as formerly created in Section 77-3-8 Mississippi Code of 1972, was abolished from and after August 31, 1990. Section 77-2-1 of this Act established a Public Utilities Staff completely separate and independent from the Public Service Commission and its staff. The primary functions of the newly created Public Utilities Staff are investigative and advisory in nature. The first Executive Director of the Public Utilities Staff was appointed by the Governor for a six-year term in July, 1990, and confirmed by the 1991 Senate. All personnel were competitively appointed by the Executive Director.

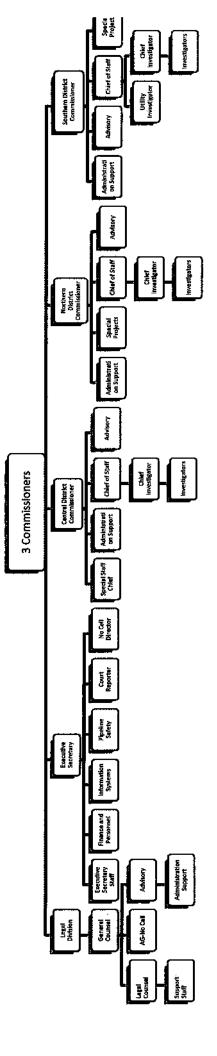
During the 2004 regular Legislative session, House Bill 1279 mandated the transfer of all Public Service Commission employees, equipment, inventory and resources, employed and used to enforce the Motor Carrier Regulatory Law of 1938, to the Mississippi Department of Transportation effective July 1, 2004.

The Legislature passed S.B. No. 2445 authorizing the Commission to enforce the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act beginning July 1, 2003. During our first year of enforcement, 211,189 Mississippi consumers requested to have their telephone number placed on our "No Call" list and 114 telemarketers registered and posted a bond with the Commission. The Commission received 1,826 consumer complaints resulting in seven (7) formal complaints and one (1) informal complaint being filed against telemarketers for violating the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act. During the first year of enforcement, the Commission assessed over \$188,000 in fines and penalties.

In fiscal year 2014, The Commission registered 139 telemarketers and placed an additional 35,311 Mississippi consumers on our "No Call" list Also during this reporting period, the Commission received 13,275 complaints against telemarketers for violating the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act. The

Commission issued a total of 13 complaints against telemarketers and assessed \$95,000 in fines and penalties. This Legislation has greatly reduced the number of unsolicited telemarketing calls for residential consumers.

The following Organizational Chart depicts the Commissioners and their staff for the 2014 fiscal year.



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONERS

1884 - 2014

John M. Stone	1884 - 1886
W. B. Augustus	1884 - 1886
William McWillie	1884 - 1886
J. F. Sessions	1886 - 1896
J. C. Kyle	1886 - 1890
Walter McLaurin	1890 - 18 9 6
J. H. Askew	1890 - 1896
M. M. Evans	1896 - 1900
J. J. Evans	18 96 - 1900
John D. McInnis	1896 - 1904
A. Q. May	1900 - 1904
J. C. Kincannon	1900 - 1908
R. L. Bradley	1904 - 1908
S. D. McNair	1904 - 1908
W. R. Scott	1908 - 1912
J. A. Webb	1908 - 1912
F. M. Lee	1908 - 1912
George R. Edwards	1912 - 1924
F. M. Sheppard	1912 - 1919
W. B. Wilson	1 9 12 - 1924
Edwin Langworthy	1919 - 1919
C. M. "Red" Morgan	1920 - 1924
-	1927 - 1935
	1940 - 1948
Bryce Alexander	1924 - 1931
Dean Holmes	1924 - 1927
W. F. Lagrone	1924 - 1931
W. R. Scott	1931 - 1931
John L. Smith	1931 - 1931
Carl C. White	1932 - 1935
Dillard W. Brown	1932 - 1940
Homer H. Casteel	1936 - 1952
Gillis Cato	1936 - 1940
Omer J. Bullen	1940 - 1948
Alton Massey	1952 - 1956
I. S. Sanford	1952 - 1956
Howard H. Little	1948 - 1956
Norman A. Johnson, Jr.	1956 - 1983
W. E. "Bucky" Moore	1956 - 1971
Rubel L. Philiips	1956 - 1958
Thomas Hal Phillips	1959 - 1964
D. W. Snyder	1964 - 1989
John L. Ďale	1972 - 1979
Lynn Havens	1980 - 1988

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Nielsen H. Cochran	1984 - 2007
George T. Watson	1988 - 1992
Dorlos "Bo" Robinson	1990 - 2007
Sidney A. Barnett	1992 - 1992
Curt Hebert, Jr.	1992 - 1997
George Byars	1997 - 1999
Michael Callahan	2000 - 2005
Leonard Bentz	2006 - 2013
Lynn Posey	2009 - Present
Brandon Presley	2009 - Present
R. Stephen Renfroe	2013 - Present

PARTICIPATION IN UTILITY ASSOCIATIONS

The Mississippi Public Service Commission has participated in the activities of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners for a number of years. This Association is composed of utility regulatory bodies of fifty (50) states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, Civil Aeronautics Board, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

The objectives of the Association are the promotion of uniformity of utility regulation, coordination of action by the Commissions in the protection of the public interest in the respective state, fostering of cooperation between state and federal bodies and to strengthen regulation generally.

The Commission and members of the Commission's staff, for years, have actively participated in various standing and special committees of the national association.

The Mississippi Commission is also a member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners composed of the 11 Southeastern States. Mississippi Commissioners have served as Presidents of the Association and members of the Commission staff serve on various committees.

The National Association and the Southeastern Association actively participate in congressional and committee hearings representing, particularly, the interest of the states and Commissions in matters of interest to the Associations. Both National and Southeastern Associations appear in rate proceedings and subsequently in court litigation on various cases in which the Commissions are interested.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONERS

LYNN POSEY

Lynn Posey is currently serving as Central District Public Service Commissioner and is also Chairman of the Commission.

Commissioner Posey was born in Brookhaven, Mississippi. He is a graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Community College, as well as Mississippi State University where he earned a B.S. Degree and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He is also a graduate of the University Of Mississippi School Of Banking.

Commissioner Posey served in the Mississippi State Senate from 1988-2007. While in the Senate, Commissioner Posey served 16 years as Chairman of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks and was a member of the Public Utility Committee for 16 years. He also served as a sub-committee chairman on Appropriations, Business and Financial Institutions, Economic Development and Forestry. In addition, Posey also served as the Chairman of the PEER Committee, as well as the Founder and Chairman of the Mississippi Sportsman Caucus.

Commissioner Posey is married to the former Kathy Singletary of Crystal Springs, MS. They reside in Union Church, MS. and have two children, Hunter and Kaitlyn. The Poseys belong to the Union Church Baptist Church.

R. STEPHEN RENFROE

Steve Renfroe was appointed Southern District Public Service Commissioner by Governor Phil Bryant on September 10, 2013. Commissioner Renfroe is currently serving as the Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

A ninth-generation Mississippian, Steve is a lifelong resident of Moss Point and a graduate of Mississippi College with a degree in Mathematics. Steve retired from Chevron in 2011 after a 35 year career, which included 10 years as an environmental specialist and over 20 years managing public and government affairs in Mississippi.

Steve also has a long list of volunteer accomplishments, including chairman of the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, chairman of the United Way of Jackson and George Counties, and Chairman of Excel By 5, an early childhood initiative he and his wife helped start. In addition, Steve was instrumental in bringing the National Audubon Society's new education center to South Mississippi.

Steve's wife of 42 years, Debby, is a retired public school kindergarten teacher. They have one adult child, Robert.

BRANDON PRESLEY

Brandon Presley was elected Public Service Commissioner for the Northern District of Mississippi in 2007 and re-elected in 2011, winning 28 of the district's 33 counties. Elected to the Public Service Commission at age 30, he was the youngest Commissioner ever elected in Mississippi. Prior to his election to the Public Service Commission, he served as Mayor of Nettleton from 2001 to 2007, having been elected at the age of 23, making him one of the youngest mayors in Mississippi history.

Commissioner Presley currently serves as President of the Entergy Regional State Committee (ERSC), which is comprised of Public Service Commissioners from all jurisdictions having regulatory authority over Entergy. He also serves as Chair of the Committee on Consumer Affairs for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and has served on the Water Committee. He is a former President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC), and is a former member of the board of directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI).

Commissioner Presley is past Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Itawamba Community College and former member of the Board of Directors of Gilmore Memorial Hospital. He is past Chairman of the Lee County Council of Governments and also served as President of the North Mississippi Mayor's Association.

Commissioner Presley, 37, is a lifelong resident of Nettleton, where he is a member of the Nettleton First Baptist Church. He is past-President and current member of the Nettleton Lions Club and is a member of the Nettleton Civitan Club.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

KATHERINE COLLIER

The Executive Secretary is the single point of contact for all business transacted before the Public Service Commission.

Collier joined the PSC as Senior Attorney in October, 2009 and has worked on several top issues before the regulatory body, including spearheading the Commission's groundbreaking efforts to lower customers' bills and reduce waste through energy efficiency, which gained national attention.

Collier, a native of Scooba, MS, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi State University and a Juris Doctorate from the University Of Mississippi School Of Law. Prior to joining the Public Service Commission, Collier was a Senior Attorney for the Mississippi Department of Human Services, where she supervised legal operations for the Division of Child Support Enforcement.

GENERAL COUNSEL

SHAWN SHURDEN

The General Counsel heads the legal division of the Public Service Commission and assists and advises in all matters affecting the powers and duties of the PSC. Among other things, the General Counsel offers legal and policy advice, conducts investigations, serves as a hearing examiner upon appointment, and oversees litigation involving the PSC in both state and federal forums. Shurden joined the PSC in October 2010.

Shurden, a native of Drew, MS, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Delta State University and a Juris Doctorate from the College of William & Mary in Virginia. Shurden has practiced law for 15 years and immediately prior to joining the PSC, served as a Special Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Litigation Division.

COMMISSION STAFF

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Office of the Executive Secretary issues all notices, citations, subpoenas and approves orders and documents; serving same on interested parties of record. This office has the duty of assisting the Commission at all formal hearings and to record the minutes of official acts and orders of the Commission.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

This department is responsible for coordinating and directing the various fiscal programs and for developing and formulating major fiscal policies for the Commission. The fiscal programs include the accounting operations required by payrolls and related payroll functions (such as insurance, credit union, and retirement), accounts payable, budget preparation and control, and expense accounts.

This Commission operates from a special revenue fund entitled Mississippi Public Service Commission Regulatory Fund.

The Accounting and Personnel Department maintains a continuous review and control of all receipts and disbursements related to the above-mentioned special fund.

In addition to the accounting activities, this department coordinates all personnel functions and performs as liaison between the Commission and the State Personnel Board in maintaining the proper employee personnel files and related personnel activities.

LEGAL

This department is assigned the duty of assisting and advising the Commission in all matters affecting its powers and duties and to perform such duties and services in connection therewith as the Commission may require. In addition to advising the Commission on matters pending before the Commission, this department manages litigation on behalf of the Commission in all local, state and federal courts as well as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

A support department that provides information systems for the Commission and the Public Utilities Staff, the Information Systems department designs, procures, and maintains all computer and telecommunication systems.

The PSC network consists of four networks, the main one in Jackson and three small office networks located in Nettleton, Biloxi and Hattiesburg. The four networks are interconnected via routers and switches that provide secure, seamless connections. A multiplicity of modern servers and other centralized devices are located in the upper basement area of the Woolfolk Building in Jackson. Most network users work on either the 2nd or 3rd floors of the Woolfolk Building in Jackson. Intranet connectivity is provided for several remote applications including CTS.

Most of the hardware is standardized on Hewlett-Packard equipment. A typical client on this network is a laptop or small form factor running Microsoft Windows. The basic applications are Microsoft Office, CTS (a custom database application that tracks court cases and customer complaints), and No Call (a custom database application that tracks telephone solicitor complaints, telemarketer registrations, and consumers on the No Call list).

The department uses enterprise client management software (Desktop Authority) for help desk, remote control, cloning, and pushing software updates. New security measures were implemented to reduce SPAM, Internet pop-ups, and spyware.

A document imaging system provides instant access to all case documents from 1956 through the present. These documents are also accessible from the Internet at www.psc.state.ms.us (click on Case Files). A modern GIS system that tracks the certificated area boundaries of public utilities has recently been upgraded.

UTILITY INVESTIGATION

It is the responsibility of this office to monitor the quality and adequacy of service provided by the jurisdictional utilities including the application of approved rates and charges.

This office is active in the investigation of consumer complaints of all areas of operation. The office also monitors utility operations from a compliance standpoint to ensure that utilities are operating within the provisions of the Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utility Service adopted by the Commission, pursuant to the Public Utilities Act.

During fiscal year 2014 the Commission received 6,484 consumer complaints against utility companies. During this annual report period, the department was active in the investigation and handling 20,525 different matters, which pertained to utility rate and service complaints. Most of these inquiries, both logged and not logged, have been settled informally to the satisfaction of the complainant.

The following is a tabulation of type of utility complaints and inquiries received:

Electric	3,255
Gas	425
Water	415
Sewer	42
Telephone:	
Consumer Complaints	2,347
No Call Complaints	13,275
Miscellaneous Öther	<u>766</u>
TOTAL	20,525

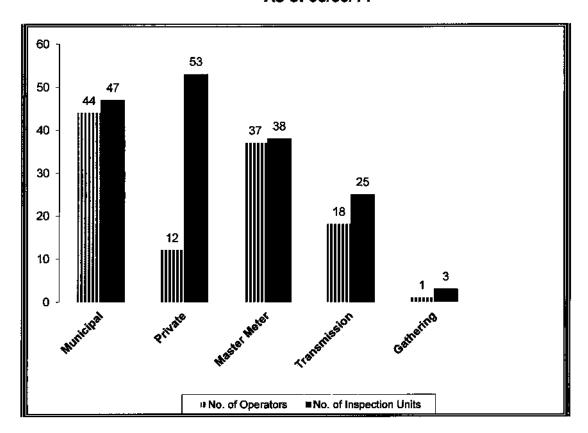
PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION

The Pipeline Safety Division conducts and carries out safety inspections (i.e. operation, maintenance, emergency procedures, operator qualification, construction, integrity management, incident investigations and drug and alcohol) involved in the regulation of intrastate natural gas pipeline systems, resulting in reduced risk associated with the transportation of natural gas by pipeline.

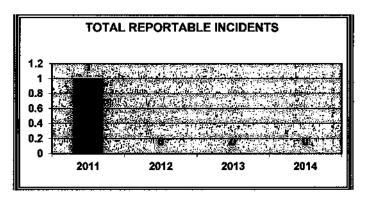
The Pipeline Safety Division's goal is to protect the public and environment from the accidental release of natural gas with a technologically advanced compliance program that promotes educational standards for the industry and contributes to the health and security of Mississippi. The compliance program will insure protection of the public by enforcing the rules and regulations of the Minimum Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations adopted by the U. S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration pursuant to the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968.

Number of Natural Gas Operators and Number of Inspection Units

As of 06/30/14



Number of Inspections Performed 7/1/2013 thru 6/30/2014			
Inspections	2013 - 2014		
Standard	386		
On-Site/Operator Qualification	25		
Follow-up	41		
Construction	151		
Reportable Incident	0		
Other	32		
TOTAL	635		



- ≪Standard: An on-site examination and comprehensive review of the natural gas operators programs and records including but not limited to review of operations & maintenance procedures, emergency plan, damage prevention program, operator qualification program, integrity management and work in progress.
- ≺On-Site/Operator Qualification: Field verification and operational functions of the
 gas operator's district regulator stations, emergency valves, cathodic protection,
 odorization and material usage in construction of mains and services lines.
- Construction: Monitor the design, testing and field construction activities of new, relocation, replacement or extension of gas service lines and mains for all intrastate pipelines regulated by the Pipeline Safety Division.
- ⟨Follow-Up: Review operator's compliance action to correct a previously cited violation of the Minimum Federal Pipeline Safety Standards.
- ≪Reportable Incident: This inspection is performed when an operator notifies the Pipeline Safety Division of an incident, which has occurred on the system where death, personal injury requiring hospitalization, or property damage of \$50,000 or more is involved.

Other: Integrity Management, Public Awareness, Damage Prevention, Leak Reports and Complaints.

The violations cited are recorded and filed on an ongoing basis. Each operator receives a notice of the violation and is given 30 working days to respond with an action plan to correct any deficiencies that may have warranted a citation. The department performed 635 inspections in FY 2014 resulting in 200 violations.

In conjunction with the Mississippi Natural Gas Association and the Pipeline Safety Division, the operators within the State of Mississippi were provided seven training courses, which will aid in the qualification of operator personnel concerning the Minimum Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, Part 190 – 199.

CLASSIFICATION OF UTILITIES HOLDING CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

	<u>Company</u>	<u>Association</u>
Electric	2	28
Water	44	496
Sewer	132	39
Gas Distribution Intrastate Pipeline	7 2	0
Communication Local Exchange Companies Interexchange Carriers Resellers Institutional Service Providers Alternate Operator Service Providers Competitive Local Exchange Carriers	20 11 192 16 3 <u>119</u>	0 0 0 0 0 0
Totals by Category	545	563
GRAND TOTAL	1405	

ACTION OF THE COMMISSION

All formal actions of the Commission are required to be recorded with docket numbers assigned to each case prior to the initiation of any formal proceeding. The staff of the Commission must examine each application, petition or complaint to determine if such comes under the jurisdiction of the Commission and meets with statutory requirements so as to present clearly the merits of the matter involved.

Open meetings are held each first Tuesday of the month, as provided by statute; and action is taken on docketed cases, with full hearings accorded all parties having interest in the matters involved, as needed.

Many other matters of interest to the public and the utilities are handled and adjusted informally through correspondence and personal interviews with Commissioners and staff. The Commission finds that through this method of handling matters informally, substantial benefits are secured and amicable relations between the public and the utilities are promoted.

The listing in detail of all of the formal cases before the Commission is omitted in order to avoid heavy printing expense. However, every case before the Commission is fully recorded and such record is open for public inspection by any party desiring information relating to any matters before the Commission.

During FY 2014, the Commission and staff took action on 77 applications. Appearing most frequently before the Commission were water and telecommunication cases concerning applications for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for facilities and notice filings involving rate matters.

The following is a list totaling and categorizing all formal action taken by the Commission during the 2014 fiscal year:

UTILITY DOCKET

JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014

	<u>Communication</u>	<u>Electric</u>	Gas	Water	<u>Sewer</u>
Utility Rate/Tariff					
Revisions Approved.	154	13	30	8	15
Utility Rate Matters					
Denied	0	0	0	0	0
Utility Certificates of					
C. & N. Approved.	9	8	6	3	6
Sale of Stock/Transfer					
of Certificate	10	1	0	8	5
Service Matters	51	17	9	3	2
Utility Refunds Granted	0	0	0	0	0
Applications Retired					
to Files	0	2	0	0	0
Cases Dismissed/Withdrawn	54	0	3	5	1
Cases Not Yet Decided	176	203	96	121	94
Commission's Own Motion	0	0	0	0	0
Certificates Cancelled	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	461	244	144	148	123

APPEAL RECORDS FROM MPSC JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014

Of the 288 cases coming before the Commission in the period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, 1 final order of the Commission was appealed to a higher court. MPSC Docket Number 2013-UN-104, Mississippi River Gas, LLC was appealed. The Supreme Court Number is 2014-UR-00802, City of Port Gibson, Mississippi v. Mississippi Public Service Commission.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JULY 1, 2013— JUNE 30, 2014 REGULATORY FUND 3811

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 4,178,020
Travel	\$350,252
Contractual Services	\$750,102
Commodities	\$100,937
Capital Outlay Equipment	\$48,697
Subsidies, Loans, Grants	0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$5,428,008
Transfers	0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0
RECEIPTS:	
Utility Regulatory Tax	\$6,271,567
Miscellaneous Federal Grants	\$610,165
Miscellaneous Receipts	_\$3,028
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$ 6,884,760

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FISCAL YEAR 2014

Employee's Name BENNETT, JOEL	<u>Destination</u> RESTON, VA	<u>Purpose</u> PAYROLL SEMINAR	<u>Costs</u> 869.55
BOALER, ILICIA	ORANGE BEACH, AL PHOENIX, AZ PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL	NGA COMMON GROUND NAPSR	966.79 1243.36 890.26
CARNLEY, LYLA	ORANGE BEACH, AL MEREDITH, NH	NGA NAPSR	948.72 1649.27
CARR, DAVID	WOODLANDS, TX CHARLESTON, SC WASHINGTON, DC	ETR MEETING UTILITY SCHOOL MISO	1721.96 1542.85 1402.99
CLARK, SERENA	LITTLE ROCK, AR	SCOTT HEMPLING SEM	757.00
COLLIER, KATHERINE	ORANGE BEACH, AL ATLANTA, GA ORLANDO, FL WASHINGTON, DC	NGA SEEA MEETING NARUC NARUC	923.88 1087.80 1542.63 400.50
DIXON, LAURA	LITTLE ROCK, AR	SCOTT HEMPLING	1157.06
EARNEST, LATOYA	ORANGE BEACH, AL	NGA	954.26
HARRELL, STACY	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	NO CALL SUMMIT	1109.86
HAYNIE, GEORGE	SANDESTIN, FL	TELE AL/MS	1680.63
MCCARVER, MARK	PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL	NAPSR	1068.48
POSEY, LYNN	SANDESTIN, FL	TELE AL/MS	1510.87
PRESLEY, BRANDON	DENVER, CO STIPEND REIMBURSEMENT NASHVILLE, TN	NARUC	1506.72 -1100.00
		DO NOT CALL MEETING	355.87
	ATLANTA, GA ORLANDO, FL NEW ORLEANS, LA	SEEA NARUC ERSC MEETING	798.80 990.77 442.82

•	WASHINGTON, DC RALEIGH, NC STIPEND REIMBURSEMENT	NARUC NICHOLAS INST	1128.04 1115.07 -903.22
	CHARLOTTE, NC LITTLE ROCK, AR STIPEND REIMBURSEMENT	SEARUC ERSC MEETING	620.49 511.27 -462.54
	ATLANTA, GA	SEEA	1492.79
RAY, JODY	ATLANTA, GA	SE REGULATORY EX	1022.91
RICHARDSON, JAMES	ORLANDO, FL	NARUC	1238.74
SHARP, MICHAEL	ORANGE BEACH, AL MEREDITH, NH	NGA NAPSR	843.03 1412.80
SHURDEN, SHAWN	CHARLESTON, SC WASHINGTON, DC LITTLE ROCK, AR	GRID SCHOOL MISO CLE CONF	1735.96 1344.19 402.80
TAYLOR, JAMES	NASHVILLE, TN INDIANAPOLIS, IN	TRA MEETING NO CALL	88.82 797.10
WALKER, WILEY	CHICAGO, IL	GTI VISIT	1026.33
WOOD, NEILL	ORANGE BEACH, AL PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL	NGA NAPSR	1197.15 <u>1358.03</u>
TOTAL			\$42,393.46