

# MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



ANNUAL REPORT  
*Ending June 30, 2025*



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The Honorable Governor and  
Lieutenant Governor 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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine Collier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katherine" and last name "Collier" clearly distinguishable.

Katherine Collier



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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 - John M. Stone, W.B. Augustus, and William 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.

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Shortens time for the 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.

During the 1990 Regular Legislative session, SB 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.

The 2003 Legislature passed SB 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.

During the 2012 Regular Legislative Session HB 825 was passed, amending Miss Code Ann. §§ 77-3-3 and 35. HB 825 amended the definition of a public utility to add persons or corporations engaged in the provision of video services, voice over internet protocol ("VoIP") services, wireless services, or internet protocol ("IP") enabled services to the list of entities not considered to be a public utility.

In 2018, the Commission adopted the HIRE Mississippi Rule for the purpose of promoting economic development, creating jobs, and improving the communities served by the utilities. The rule serves as a tool to encourage and measure public utility utilization of Mississippi resident contractors, subcontractors, vendors and businesses.

Also in 2018, the MPSC organized and hosted the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)



Utility Career Summit at the Two Mississippi Museums in Jackson. The event aimed to highlight career opportunities in Mississippi's utility industry for educators and students, connect utility employers with Mississippi's HBCUs, and emphasize the importance and benefits of workplace diversity.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, the Mississippi Public Service Commission played a pivotal role in securing passage of House Bill 366, which authorized electric cooperatives to own and/or operate broadband systems through affiliates or operators. This legislation has proven highly effective in expanding high-speed internet access, particularly in historically underserved areas of Mississippi.

The Commission, in 2021, launched a comprehensive review of the state's public utility infrastructure disaster preparedness and response aiming to assess existing practices, evaluate responses to recent disasters, and recommend best practices to minimize future disruptions. The document was released a year later in February 2022.

Thus, at the present time, certain telecommunication, electric, gas, water and sewer utilities are under the supervision and regulation 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.
3. 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 (3) 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 (4) 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 conducts 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.

# Mississippi Public Service Commissioners 1884 — 2025

John M. Stone	1884 - 1886	Homer H. Casteel	1936 - 1952
W. B. Augustus	1884 - 1886	Gillis Cato	1936 - 1940
William McWillie	1884 - 1886	Omer J. Bullen	1940 - 1948
J. F. Sessions	1886 - 1896	Alton Massey	1952 - 1956
J. C. Kyle	1886 - 1890	I. S. Sanford	1952 - 1956
Walter McLaurin	1890 - 1896	Howard H. Little	1948 - 1956
J. H. Askew	1890 - 1896	Norman A. Johnson, Jr.	1956 - 1983
M. M. Evans	1896 - 1900	W. E. "Bucky" Moore	1956 - 1971
J. J. Evans	1896 - 1900	Rubel L. Phillips	1956 - 1958
John D. McInnis	1896 - 1904	Thomas Hal Phillips	1959 - 1964
A. Q. May	1900 - 1904	D. W. Snyder	1964 - 1989
J. C. Kincannon	1900 - 1908	John L. Dale	1972 - 1979
R. L. Bradley	1904 - 1908	Lynn Havens	1980 - 1988
S. D. McNair	1904 - 1908	Nielsen H. Cochran	1984 - 2008
W. R. Scott	1908 - 1912	George T. Watson	1988 - 1992
J. A. Webb	1908 - 1912	Dorlos "Bo" Robinson	1990 - 2007
F. M. Lee	1908 - 1912	Sidney A. Barnett	1992 - 1992
George R. Edwards	1912 - 1924	Curt Hebert, Jr.	1992 - 1997
F. M. Sheppard	1912 - 1919	George Byars	1997 - 1999
W. B. Wilson	1912 - 1924	Michael Callahan	2000 - 2005
Edwin Langworthy	1919 - 1919	Leonard Bentz	2006 - 2013
C. M. "Red" Morgan	1920 - 1924	Brandon Presley	2007 - 2024
	1927 - 1935	Lynn Posey	2008 - 2015
	1940 - 1948	R. Stephen Renfroe	2013 - 2015
Bryce Alexander	1924 - 1931	Cecil Brown	2016 - 2020
Dean Holmes	1924 - 1927	Samuel F. Britton	2016 - 2020
W. F. Lagrone	1924 - 1931	Dane Maxwell	2020 - 2024
W. R. Scott	1931 - 1931	Brent Bailey	2020 - 2024
John L. Smith	1931 - 1931	Chris Brown	2024- Present
Carl C. White	1932 - 1935	De'Keither Stamps	2024-Present
Dillard W. Brown	1932 - 1940	Wayne Carr	2024- Present



# Participation in Utility Associations

The Mississippi Public Service Commission has participated in the activities of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) for a number of years. This Association is composed of utility regulatory bodies of 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands 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. International regulatory bodies from around the world are also members of NARUC.

The objectives of NARUC 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 NARUC.

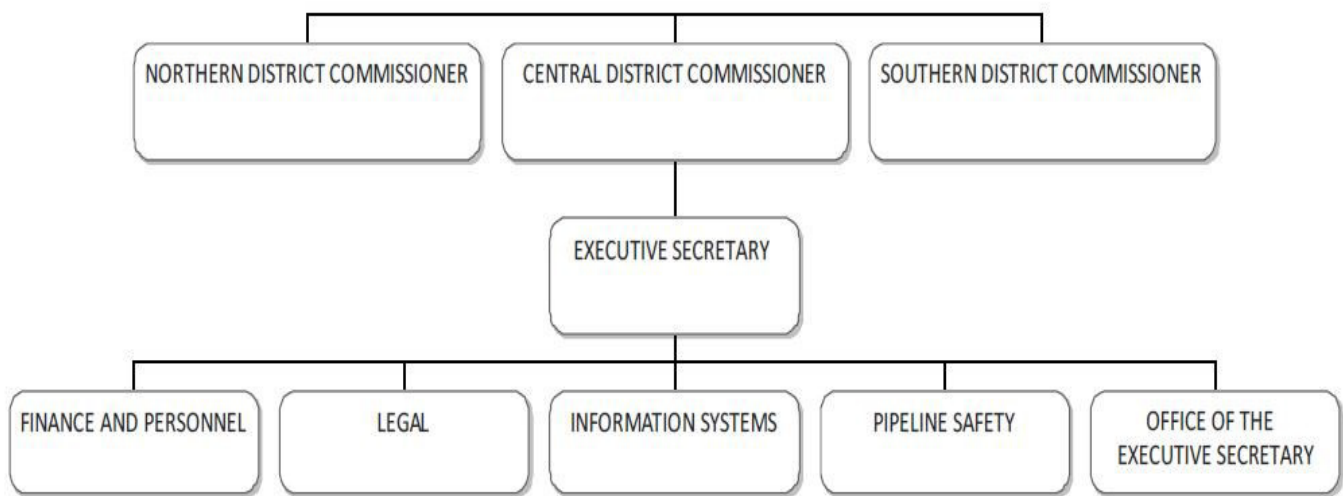
The Mississippi Commission is also a member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) composed of the 11 Southeastern States. Mississippi Commissioners have served as Presidents of SEARUC and members of the Commission staff serve on various committees.

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

# Organizational Chart

The following Organizational Chart depicts the Commissioners and their staff for the 2025 fiscal year.

## Mississippi Public Service Commission FY 2025

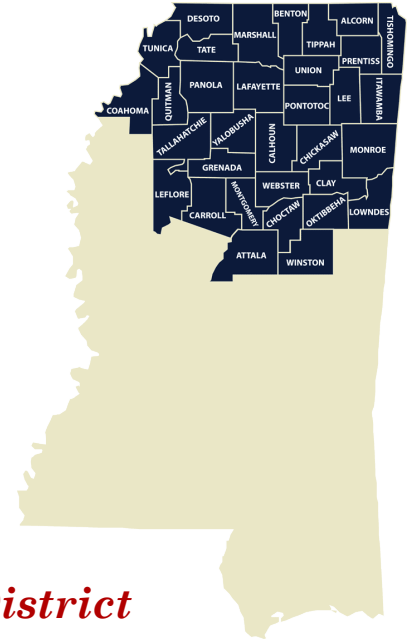




## PSC COMMISSIONERS



*From Left to Right: Commissioner De'Keither Stamps (Central District); Chairman Chris Brown (Northern District); Commissioner Wayne Carr (Southern District)*



## Commissioner Chris Brown, Chairman

Chris Brown is an eighth-generation Mississippian who served in the State Legislature representing Itawamba, Lee, and Monroe counties from 2012 to 2023. While in the State House, he worked on legislation focusing on limited government, free enterprise, individual liberties, and strengthening families. He has consistently been recognized for his conservative record and is a founding member of the Mississippi House Freedom Caucus.

In 2023, Brown was elected to the Mississippi Public Service Commission representing the Northern District and, after taking office in 2024, was elected Chairman of the Commission by his two fellow Commissioners. He serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and became President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners in 2025.

### *Northern District*

Brown has five children and three grandchildren, is a member of the Baptist Church, and has been active in overseas missions in both Africa and Asia. He is a proven job creator and has founded several businesses. In his limited spare time, he likes to hunt, camp, and enjoy the outdoors with his family.

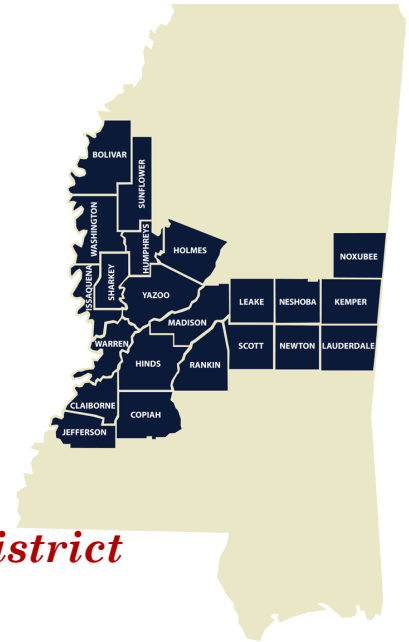


## Commissioner De'Keither Stamps

De'Keither Stamps is a Mississippi native, a decorated military veteran, and a dedicated public servant whose life has been shaped by resilience, leadership, and a profound commitment to service. Raised in Jackson, Mississippi, and on his family's farm in Learned, Stamps developed a deep connection to his community that continues to guide his work. After graduating from Forest Hill High School, he answered the call to serve his country, beginning his military career with the U.S. Marine Corps and later re-enlisting in the Army during the Iraq War.

Over his years of service, Stamps took on extraordinary roles, including Presidential Security Guard for Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, and served in various capacities with the U.S. State Department. His experience in Iraq, where he led a 17-man unit in ground patrols, solidified his leadership skills and shaped his approach to community advocacy. Transitioning from global service to local leadership, Stamps was elected to the Jackson City

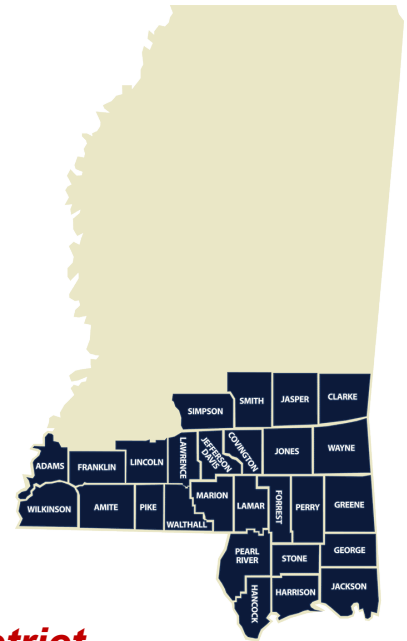
### *Central District*



Council, where he championed key initiatives in education, economic development, and community revitalization for Ward 4. His dedication to public service continued as he became the Mississippi State Representative for District 66, advocating for his constituents and addressing critical issues facing the state. Today, as Public Service Commissioner for Mississippi's Central District, he leverages his extensive experience to improve the state's infrastructure, energy efficiency, and overall quality of life.

A devoted father to three daughters—Jasmine, Kristian, and Kennedi—Stamps' personal commitment to family is central to his life. His favorite quote, "It is impossible to stop a man that just won't quit," embodies his relentless pursuit of progress for Mississippi and its people. De'Keither Stamps is a figure shaped by global service, tested by conflict, and driven by an unwavering dedication to his community and the State of Mississippi.





## Commissioner Wayne Carr

Nelson Wayne Carr embarked on his professional journey after graduating from Gulfport High School in 1977, delving into the construction industry as an electrical apprentice. By the mid-1980s, he had obtained his electrical license, laying the foundation for his own electrical company. Expanding his horizons, Wayne sought and secured his State of Mississippi Board of Contractors Electrical and Builders Licenses, allowing him to venture into general contracting and development. Over the span of forty-five years, he has immersed himself in every facet of the construction sector across South Mississippi.

As a developer, Wayne collaborates closely with utility companies, engineers, and local and federal agencies to ensure the seamless integration of utilities, mindful of both current and future community needs. His extensive portfolio encompasses a wide spectrum, including new home construction, remodeling, duplexes, apartment complexes, RV parks, mobile home developments, strip centers, industrial buildings, governmental projects, worship centers, and commercial spaces. Each project adheres meticulously to stringent utility specifications dictated by local, state, and federal regulations.

### *Southern District*

Wayne, native of Gulfport, MS, has remained deeply rooted in his hometown, residing in Harrison County on the picturesque Mississippi Gulf Coast for his entire life. For forty-three years, Wayne has been happily married to Vicky Carr. Wayne and Vicky have raised three children—David, Rebecca, and Katherine—and are blessed with two grandchildren. Together, they call the Orange Grove community home.

With an extensive forty-five years of invaluable experience in construction and development, Commissioner Wayne Carr brings a wealth of practical knowledge to his role as Southern District Public Service Commissioner. Driven by a lifelong commitment to service, he is dedicated to ensuring that Mississippi's utility infrastructure is ready to meet the challenges of growth and technological innovation, while maintaining stability, reliability, and affordability in utility services for all Mississippians.





## **Katherine Collier, Executive Secretary**

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

Katherine Collier joined the PSC as a Senior Attorney in October 2009 and became Executive Secretary in 2014. A native of Scooba, MS, Collier holds a Bachelor of Arts 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.

## **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 general funds appropriated by the Mississippi legislature.

The Finance and Personnel Department maintains a continuous review and control of all receipts and disbursements related to the above-mentioned general funds.

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 Division

The Information Systems Division provides information technology support to both the Commission and the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff, enabling them to fulfill their respective duties and responsibilities. The Division operates as part of the Commission Staff under Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-8, and, as required by Miss. Code Ann. § 77-2-1, it provides support to the Public Utilities Staff at no cost.

The PSC network includes three interconnected systems: the main network in Jackson and two smaller office networks in New Albany and Biloxi. Servers and other central equipment are housed in the upper basement of the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, where most network users work on the 2nd and 9th floors. All PSC offices have wireless networks that comply with the State of Mississippi Enterprise Security Policy established by ITS. Secure remote access is available for both Commission and Public Utilities Staff employees.

Most PSC hardware is standardized on Hewlett-Packard equipment. Core software includes Microsoft Office 365 and CTS, a custom database that tracks court cases and customer complaints. The Division also uses enterprise client management tools for helpdesk operations, remote support, cybersecurity, and software updates.

Case documents dating back to 1956 are publicly available online at [www.psc.ms.gov](http://www.psc.ms.gov). A modern Geographic Information System (GIS) tracks the certificated area boundaries of public utilities. These boundaries can be viewed online, and certificated area spatial data is available for public download.

The PSC website is maintained to keep the public informed about Commission and Staff activities. Through the site, constituents can file utility complaints or complete surveys regarding the availability of natural gas and water services.

The Information Systems Division also implements new systems and applications as requested by the Commission.

## Utility Investigation

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

According to the US Energy Information Administration, [eia.gov](http://eia.gov), the U.S. average residential retail price of electricity per kWh at the end of fiscal year 2025 was \$17.62 cents. In comparison, Mississippi's average residential price per kWh was \$13.49 cents, and specific prices for residential, commercial, and industrial scale electricity are all below the national average. Average residential price for natural gas in Mississippi at the end of fiscal year 2025 was \$20.50 per thousand cubic feet, compared to a national average price of \$17.86 per thousand cubic feet. More specific information and statistics from Mississippi's energy profile information may be found at <https://www.eia.gov/state/?sid=MS>.

The Public Service Commission 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 2025, the Commission received 4,115 consumer complaints against utility companies, which pertained to utility rate billing and service complaints. Most of these inquiries, both logged and not logged, have been settled informally to the satisfaction of the complainant. Further, the Commission received one (1) formal complaint against regulated utilities.

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

<b>Electric</b>	<b>1912</b>
<b>Natural Gas</b>	<b>246</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>947</b>
<b>Sewer</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>Telecom</b>	<b>579</b>
<b>Misc</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>4115</u></b>

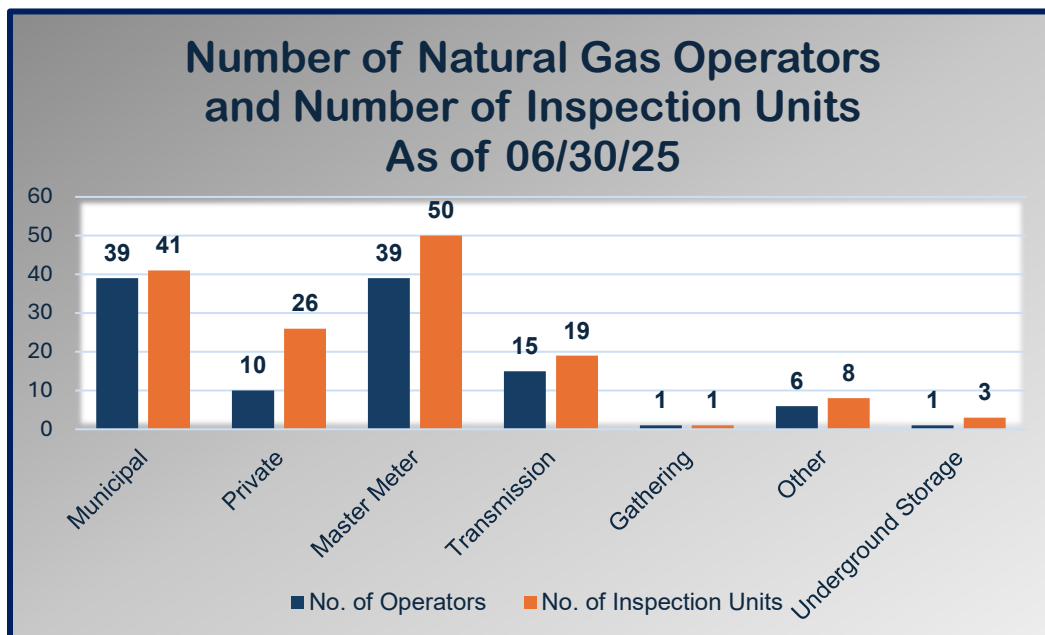
# Pipeline Safety Division



## 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, public awareness, and drug and alcohol) involved in the regulation of intrastate natural gas pipeline systems and underground storage facilities, 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 ensure 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.



## TYPES OF INSPECTION

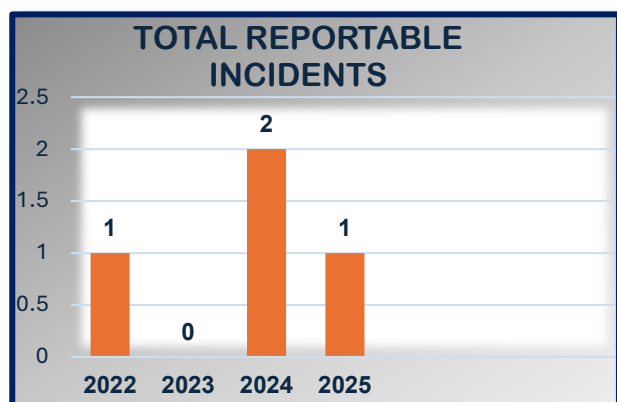
- **Standard:** An examination and comprehensive review of the natural gas operators' programs and records including, but not limited to, review of operations and maintenance procedures, emergency plan, public awareness, damage prevention program and work in progress.
- **On-Site/Operator Qualification:** Field verification and operational functions of the gas operator's district regulator stations, emergency valves, cathodic protection, odorization, material usage in construction of mains and services lines and qualification of the person performing the work.
- **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 \$145,400 or more is involved.
- **Other:** Integrity Management, Public Awareness, Drug and Alcohol, Damage Prevention, Leak Reports and Complaints.

### Number of Inspections Performed 7/1/2024 — 6/30/25

INSPECTIONS	2024-2025
<i>Standard</i>	349
<i>On-Site/Operator Qualification</i>	40
<i>Follow-up</i>	66
<i>Construction</i>	147
<i>Reportable Incident</i>	2
<i>Other</i>	69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>673</b>

The violations cited are recorded and filed on an ongoing basis. Each operator receives a notice of the violation and is given 30 business days to respond with an action plan to correct any deficiencies that may have warranted a citation. **The department performed 673 inspections in FY 2025 resulting in 252 violations.**

In conjunction with the Mississippi Natural Gas Association, MS811 and the Pipeline Safety Division, the operators within the State of Mississippi were provided with the opportunity to attend training courses which 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 and the Mississippi Damage Prevention law.



# Classification of Utilities

## Holding Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity

	<i>Company</i>	<i>Association</i>	<i>Municipal</i>	<i>District</i>
Electric	8	29	15	0
Water	20	489	139	43
Sewer	67	44	36	36
Gas	8	0	35	6
Communication				
Local Exchange Companies	17	0	0	0
Interexchange Carriers	10	0	0	0
Resellers	128	0	0	0
Institutional Service Providers	13			
Alternate Operator Service Providers	3	0	0	0
Competitive Local Exchange Carriers	90	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>364</u></b>	<b><u>562</u></b>	<b><u>225</u></b>	<b><u>85</u></b>

(by Category)

**GRAND TOTAL     1,236**



## Actions 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 2025, the Commission and staff took action on 60 applications. Appearing most frequently before the Commission were electric and telecommunication cases concerning applications for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for facilities, notice filings involving rates and transfers of control.

The following is a list totaling and categorizing all formal actions taken by the Commission during the 2025 fiscal year:

### UTILITY DOCKET JULY 1, 2024- JUNE 30, 2025

DIVISION	TOTAL ORDERS
ELECTRIC	74
GAS	15
SEWER	8
TELECOM	51
WATER	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>165</b>

# Appeal Records From MPSC

July 1, 2024 — June 30, 2025

Of the 155 cases coming before the Commission in the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, two orders of the Commission were appealed to a higher court. MPSC Docket Number 2024-UN-26, Great River Utility was appealed. The Supreme Court Number is 25-110(3), Great River Utility Operating Company LLC, A Mississippi Limited Liability Company v. Mississippi Public Service Commission. MPSC Docket Number 2024-UN-27, Great River Utility was appealed. The Supreme Court Number is 25-111(3), Great River Utility Operating Company LLC, A Mississippi Limited Liability Company v. Mississippi Public Service Commission.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Combined Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

July 1, 2024 — June 30, 2025

#### Regulatory Fund 2811

##### DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$4,246,731.00
Travel	\$ 292,264.00
Contractual Services*	\$ 517,353.00
Commodities	\$ 63,501.00
Capital Outlay Equipment	\$ 63,220.00
Wireless Equipment	\$ 0.00
Subsidies **	\$ 29,215.00

**TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES** **\$5,212,284.00**

Transfers \$ 0.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$5,212,284.00**

RECEIPTS 0

**GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION** **\$5,017,322.00**

Miscellaneous Federal Grant \$ 464,494.00

Miscellaneous Receipts \$ 0.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$ 5,481,816.00**

*\*57% of Contractual Services is Information Technology/Software related*

*\*\* Subsidies represent the Statewide Cost Allocation Plan*

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