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Mississippi Public Service Commissioners Highlight Importance of Robust Approval Process for Solar Projects

JACKSON, MS (June 19, 2024)— Public Service Commissioners, Chairman Chris Brown, De'Keither Stamps and Wayne Carr emphasized the critical importance of a thorough and rigorous approval process for solar projects in the state.

The Mississippi Public Service Commission (MPSC) is responsible for regulating public utilities in the state, as well as issuing Certificates for electric generating facilities like solar farms. When considering applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity for solar farms, the MPSC conducts a thorough review process to ensure that the project meets certain criteria.

"The approval process is in place to ensure that solar projects in Mississippi meet the highest standards of safety, reliability and efficiency," said Chairman Chris Brown of the Northern District. "We must guarantee that these projects serve the best interests of our citizens and align with our state's energy goals."

The Commissioners stressed that the approval process involves a comprehensive review of various factors, including:

- Technical feasibility and financial viability
- Environmental impact and compliance with regulations
- Grid reliability and transmission system capacity
- Potential benefits and costs to ratepayers

"We are committed to supporting responsible and prudent solar development in our state," Central District Commissioner De'Keither Stamps said.

Southern District Commissioner Wayne Carr concluded, "By conducting a thorough evaluation of these factors, the Commission can ensure that approved solar projects contribute to a sustainable and diversified energy mix that benefits all Mississippians, especially our ratepayers."

The Commissioners encourage solar developers and stakeholders to engage with the Commission throughout the approval process, ensuring that projects meet the necessary criteria and align with the state's energy vision.

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The Mississippi Public Service Commission is a regulatory agency responsible for overseeing the utility services provided to the residents of Mississippi. The Commission is dedicated to ensuring safe, reliable and affordable utility services for all Mississippians.