

# STATEMENT

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## Mississippi Public Service Commissioners Extend Condolences and Call for Community Preparedness Following Tragic Incident

**JACKSON, MS (December 30, 2024)**— Mississippi Public Service Commissioners Chris Brown, De'Keither Stamps, and Wayne Carr released a joint statement following the reporting of the second storm-related fatality, Geneva Karr, 68-year-old Lowndes County resident of the Steens community, who passed away early Sunday morning following a power outage during the recent storms:

*“The Mississippi Public Service Commission wishes to express its heartfelt condolences to the family of Ms. Geneva Karr who tragically passed away after losing power at her home during the recent storm while dependent on home oxygen. This heartbreaking incident serves as a distressing reminder of the vulnerabilities faced by many residents during extreme weather conditions.*

*This devastating event underscores the necessity for enhanced preparedness and responsiveness in our communities, particularly for those with critical medical needs. We urge communities to come together in solidarity during such crises. We encourage neighbors to check on one another, especially those who may be vulnerable or reliant on medical devices.*

*As we honor the memory of those we have lost during this time in Mississippi and our neighboring states, this Commission is dedicated to working to implement future preventative strategies aimed at safeguarding the well-being of all Mississippians before, during, and after severe weather events.”*

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