

Mississippi Public Service Commission

The Honorable Chris Brown, Northern District Commissioner

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT DISMISSES PETITION BY CITY OF HOLLY SPRINGS TO REQUIRE CONTINUANCE

New Albany, MS (January 6, 2025) – The Mississippi Supreme Court has <u>dismissed</u> a Petition filed by the City of Holly Springs which sought to require the Mississippi Public Service Commission to delay a Show-Cause hearing, in relation to the Public Service Commission's investigation into the adequacy of electric service being provided by the Holly Springs Utility Department (HSUD).

The Show-Cause hearing was ordered by the Public Service Commission on November 4, 2024, to allow the City of Holly Springs an opportunity to fully cooperate with independent investigators and show cause as to why the city should not be found in violation for obstructing the Commission's investigation. Given the order of the Mississippi Supreme Court, the Show-Cause hearing will take place, as originally set on January 7, 2025, at 10 a.m. in the Commission hearing room of the Woolfolk State Office Building. At this time, the City of Holly Springs has filed another petition in Hinds County Circuit Court to further delay efforts, seeking a Temporary Restraining Order against the Commission from proceeding with the Show-Cause hearing. Finding a resolution to this long-standing issue and providing representation for all ratepayers of the Holly Springs Utility Department will continue to be a top priority for the Commission.

Of the decision, Chairman Chris Brown stated "The Mississippi Supreme Court's decision allows us to proceed, and we are fully committed to ensuring that the ratepayers of the Holly Springs Utility District, who have endured unacceptable hardships, receive the reliable service they are entitled to," adding that "this hearing represents another crucial step in our ongoing efforts to bring relief to the ratepayers and address a system that has been neglected for far too long."

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