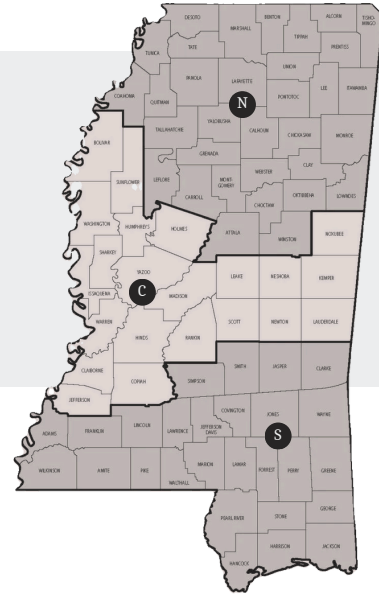




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The Mississippi Public Service Commission is thrilled to announce the resounding success of its recent Natural Gas Summit, which brought together industry experts, stakeholders, and community members to discuss the future of natural gas in our state. This pivotal event exemplified the Commission's commitment to enhancing gas safety and fostering collaboration among all parties involved. Your Commissioners express their heartfelt gratitude to the presenters and attendees whose invaluable insights have deepened our understanding of the current state of natural gas in Mississippi. The Natural Gas Summit served as a vital component of the Commission's ongoing natural gas safety initiative. The success of the summit underscores the importance of community engagement and the role that each participant plays in shaping the future of natural gas in Mississippi. As we move forward, the Commission remains committed to implementing the valuable recommendations gathered during the summit, ensuring that our natural gas systems are not only safe but also sustainable and efficient. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this event. Together, we can continue to build a safer and more resilient future for all Mississippians.

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The Commission conducted their January Open Meeting Tuesday, January 7, to consider items on the [docket](#). Significant items approved at the meeting include:



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- The Commission approved Entergy Mississippi acquiring an additional 208 megawatts of capacity and energy from Grand Gulf Nuclear Station.
- The Commission [approved](#) a special contract between Mississippi Power Company and Compass Datacenters Jan I, LLC, marking a significant milestone in the state's efforts to enhance its energy infrastructure and support economic development.



Mississippi Association of Supervisors Mid-Winter Legislative Conference in Flowood



Mississippi Natural Gas Association Tradeshow in Tupelo



Happy Retirement to MS 811's President, Fred Johnson!

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Dear Northern Mississippi Residents,

I hope this message finds you well as we update you on some of the recent developments and recognitions that continue to move Mississippi forward, especially in the energy sector.

State of the State Mention

On January 29th, we were deeply humbled to be recognized by Governor Tate Reeves during his State of the State address. Governor Reeves highlighted the critical need for Mississippi to emerge as a national leader in the energy sector, stating, "In today's world, power is the key to prosperity. If we can be on the bleeding edge of energy technology, we can beat our peers and bring about more wealth and better lives for all Mississippians." His recognition of the work we are doing as a Commission is a testament to the importance of our mission: bringing Mississippi to the forefront of energy production and innovation.

Natural Gas Summit

The past month has been particularly significant for the natural gas industry in Mississippi. One of the highlights was hosting the Natural Gas Summit in Jackson, where we had the privilege of hearing from outstanding experts in the field. I want to extend my deep appreciation to Mississippi 811 President Fred Johnson and Gas Pipeline Safety Director Ricky Cotton, both of whom are retiring after years of dedicated service to our state. Their contributions have been invaluable, and we are grateful for their leadership. The summit was a key moment for industry professionals to come together, exchange ideas, share insights, and reaffirm our commitment to safe and responsible energy practices. We look forward to building on this momentum and continuing to ensure Mississippi remains a national leader in energy innovation.

MPSC at the Mississippi Natural Gas Association Tradeshow

In addition to the summit, the Commission was proud to participate in the Mississippi Natural Gas Association Trade Show in Tupelo for the first time. It was an honor to deliver the opening remarks, and I am pleased to share that we are more committed than ever to working alongside industry leaders to propel Mississippi forward with reliable and affordable energy. As natural gas continues to be a cornerstone of our daily energy needs, the importance of this sector cannot be overstated. As we witness a shift in energy policies on the national stage, moving away from restrictive energy policies that have hampered the use of natural gas and its associated technologies, Mississippi now has a unique opportunity to adopt energy policies that will drive growth and prosperity for our state. We are excited about the potential these changes bring and are determined to ensure Mississippi is well-positioned to benefit from this new era in energy production.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for trusting us with the important work of ensuring Mississippi's energy future remains strong, innovative, and sustainable. We look forward to the future and the many opportunities ahead to serve you and all Mississippians.

Warmest regards,

Commissioner Chris Brown, Chairman



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Dear Central Mississippi Residents,

February is a month of love and legacy! Happy Black History Month, a time to honor the resilience and achievements that shape our communities. And Happy Valentine's Day-- may this month be filled with kindness, appreciation, and unity. Let's continue to uplift one another and celebrate the progress we're making together.

This has been an amazing month for economic development and community engagement in the Central District. I had the pleasure of attending the groundbreaking for the state-of-the-art \$10 billion Data Pass Center, a major step forward in Mississippi's economic growth. To support this new development, the Mississippi Public Service Commission officially approved a special contract between Mississippi Power Company and the new Data Center. This new partnership will significantly enhance our energy infrastructure, benefiting constituents like you.

In other business, I recently met with leadership at Reedtown Water Association and based on that meeting, my office [compiled a letter](#) listing some of the problems with the water system and our plan to help address the issues the water association is experiencing. Although we don't regulate rural water associations, we believe some of our solutions will help mitigate some of their problems and we will work to help see this plan through from beginning to end.

Additionally, I met with Entergy to discuss strategies for improving energy reliability in Southwest Hinds County.

I want you to know that we hear you and we are working diligently to create a more reliable space for our constituents. Thank you for electing me to serve on your behalf. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you need anything.

Sincerely,

Commissioner De'Keither A. Stamps

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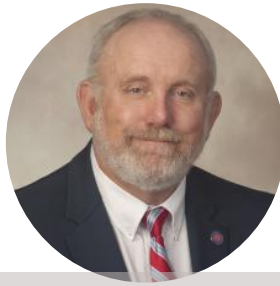
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Dear Southern Mississippi Residents,

The year has just started, but it's already been busy. Over the past month, I've attended conferences, meetings, trainings, and interviews, all while making sure to prioritize the needs of Southern District constituents.

Earlier this month, the Commission voted to deny a rate case filed by Great River Utility Operating Company. For months, the Southern District Office has received numerous calls and correspondence about the impact rates have on the lives of residents in our State. As future proceedings with Great River unfold, I remain committed to ensuring that the needs of Southern District residents are fully represented.

Additionally, I enjoyed attending the State of the State Address and the PSC's Natural Gas Summit, both held in late January. I was honored that all three Commissioners were mentioned in Governor Reeves' address, and I am excited to see how the energy sector in this state continues to develop with the new statewide energy initiative. At the Natural Gas Summit, I enjoyed hearing from various natural gas stakeholders and learning more about the natural gas industry in Mississippi. I interviewed with WLOX about both the address and the summit, which you can find on WLOX's website under the "News This Week" program on February 1st.

There are a few district-specific matters that I'd like to bring to your attention:

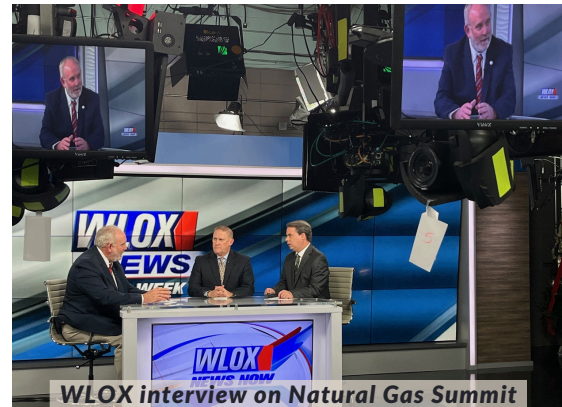
- **WLBT Interview:** On January 22nd, shortly after Winter Storm Enzo struck South Mississippi, I interviewed with WLBT in Jackson about how district utilities were impacted by the storm. You can find this interview on WLBT's website.
- **Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS):** I enjoyed attending MAS's Mid-Winter Legislative Conference in Flowood on February 5th. I met several county supervisors and exhibitors, and I look forward to working with them in the future!
- **Paradigm Alliance Pipeline Safety Training:** On February 5th, I had the pleasure of going to a pipeline safety training program hosted by The Paradigm Alliance in Pearl. As a Public Service Commissioner, I believe that it's important to receive firsthand information about areas that the PSC oversees, like natural gas pipelines and pipeline safety procedures.

Don't hesitate to contact my offices in Biloxi or Jackson - we are here for the people of Mississippi!

Sincerely,
Commissioner Wayne Carr



WLBT interview on Winter Storm Enzo - Jackson, January 22



WLOX interview on Natural Gas Summit and State of the State Address - Biloxi, January 31



Press conference on Great River decision - Jackson, February 4



Mississippi Association of Supervisors Mid-Winter Legislative Conference - Flowood, February 5



Paradigm Alliance Pipeline Safety Training - Pearl, February 5

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