



MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SAM BRITTON

SOUTHERN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



From the Commissioner's Desk:

We've had a great start to the summer here in the Southern District. It has been a pleasure working with many of you across South Mississippi and we look forward to doing so in the future. It is my goal to serve the best interests of the public in every decision that is made.

I hope you will enjoy reading about what the Public Service Commission has been up to so far this summer. I look forward to continuing my service to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel F. Britton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

News from the Southern District

Public Service Commission to Mississippi Power Company: Kemper Facility should operate using only natural gas

Requests solution that eliminates ratepayer risk for unproven technology and assures no rate increase to Mississippi Power customers

<http://www.sunherald.com/opinion/editorials/article158055594.html>

<http://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/2017/06/21/mississippi-coal-plant/417458001/>

JACKSON, Mississippi— On June 21, 2017, the Mississippi Public Service Commission unanimously passed a motion instructing counsel to prepare an order pursuing potential

solutions regarding the Kemper County Power Generation Facility. The order will be presented to the Commission at its July 6, 2017 meeting.

The Commission believes the following areas should be resolved by Mississippi Power Company, the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff and intervening parties, and that any settlement presented to the Commission should include the following:

- Remove risk from ratepayers for the lignite coal gasifier and related assets
- No rate increase to Mississippi Power Company customers. The Commission strongly encourages serious discussions leading to potential rate reduction, particularly for residential customers
- The settlement should include modification or amendment of the certificate issued in docket no. 2009-UA-014 to allow only for operation of a natural gas facility at the Kemper Project location.

Any settlement shall be filed with the Commission no later than forty-five days from the effective date of the order. If a settlement is filed, a hearing will be set forty-five days from the date of the filing and a scheduling order entered. Mississippi Power Company will be required to notice all customers individually of the settlement docket.

Video: [Commission-Approved MISO Membership creates \\$118 Million in Savings, Spurs Economic Development](#)
Entergy customers save millions in first three years



JACKSON, Mississippi—Entergy Mississippi, Inc. customers saved some \$118 million over the last three years, thanks to the Mississippi Public Service Commission's approval for the utility to join MISO, a regional transmission organization.

Entergy Corporation's four southern utilities joined MISO on Dec. 19, 2013, after a lengthy period of regulatory review and cost-benefit analysis. The savings have exceeded the analysis' projections.

The \$118 million in savings largely comes from the more efficient commitment and dispatch of power plants. This results in access to lower cost electricity through MISO's power market. At 6.29 cents per kilowatt hour, Mississippi's average industrial rate is well below the national average – a key factor when companies look to expand or relocate.

"Thanks to the Mississippi Public Service Commission, we've been able to provide our customers with the wide range of benefits offered by membership in MISO, a membership from which they will benefit for years to come," said Bob Grenfell, Entergy Mississippi vice president of regulatory affairs. "Joining MISO is a great example of how we work to control customer costs and keep rates low so we can help drive economic growth."

"Today we have the commitment that Entergy Mississippi and MISO will work together – along with our state economic development partners – to identify and realize economic opportunities for the future of Mississippi," said Sam Britton, southern district commissioner. "Since supporting Entergy's integration with MISO three years ago, we continue to see a return on value for the people of Mississippi through low-cost, reliable energy."

Commissioner Britton selected treasurer of Southeastern regulatory association

<http://yallpolitics.com/index.php/yp/post/47284>

JACKSON, Miss.— At its annual meeting in Greensboro, Georgia the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) selected Mississippi Public Service Commissioner Sam Britton as treasurer of the organization.

SEARUC is a non-profit organization composed of eleven Southeastern states including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

"I'm honored to be selected to this position by fellow commissioners across the Southeastern region." Britton said. "I look forward to serve as treasurer and very much appreciate the opportunity."

Other News

In June, we had the opportunity to tour the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station in Port Gibson. The team there does an incredible job providing safe, clean and reliable power to customers in Mississippi and the region.



On July 7, 2017 a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in Sumrall opening the largest solar facility in Mississippi to date. The 52-megawatt facility provides power to thousands of Mississippi Power customers in the area.



It was great to see former Senator Trent Lott at this event who was the guest speaker.



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