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Katherine Collier
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 1174
Jackson, MS 39725-1174

RE: Order Establishing Docket to Review the Efficacy and Fairness of the Net Metering and Interconnection Rules; Docket No. 2021-AD-19

On January 12, 2021, the Mississippi Public Service Commission issued an order establishing a docket to investigate issues surrounding net metering policy in the state.

Much like the Public Service Commission, I am charged with looking out for the Public Interest of Mississippi. As the Superintendent of Newton County School District, it is my job to oversee the care and development of the next generation.

This docket is of great importance to me and all educators in the state for two reasons. First, electricity spending is a significant portion of my Operating Expenses. Every dollar that I must put towards this line item is another dollar I can't use to pay my teachers and increase opportunity for our students.

Secondly, careers in the energy sector are expected to be the fastest growing occupation in the coming years. I owe it to my students to give them early access to solar energy and the workforce development opportunities that will come with these new technologies.

I write this letter in full support of Entegri's position statement in this docket. The positions advocated by Entegri will bring economic, environmental, and educational benefits to the school district and the entire state. Allowing schools like Newton County School District to benefit from solar energy is in the Public Interest of the entire state now and for the decades ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J.O. Amis', written over a horizontal line.

J.O. Amis, Superintendent of Education

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