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PSC Oversees Solar Power Expansion in Brookhaven

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI - (April 14, 2016) – Today, Mississippi Public Service Commissioners met with business leaders and Entergy Mississippi officials to witness the groundbreaking of Entergy’s Brookhaven Solar Station. The facility is one of three solar projects Entergy is constructing in the state as part of a Commission-approved “Bright Future” pilot program, which will greatly expand the presence of solar power in Mississippi.

The Brookhaven Solar Station is made up of 3,720 panels and is expected to produce 500 kilowatts of electricity. The three combined solar sites will produce 1,500 kilowatts of energy, which is enough to power approximately 175 homes. The other two facilities are in Hinds and Desoto Counties.

“When I was elected to the Commission in 2007 there were no utility-scale solar projects. I am proud of Entergy, Mississippi Power, and several other co-ops for making big strides in this area. We won’t know what the price of gas will be tomorrow but I can tell you that the sunshine will be free. This is only the beginning, and I know that the more options we have available for electricity, the cheaper we can make it for customers” said Chairman Brandon Presley.

“Entergy’s Brookhaven Solar Station is another important step in expanding alternative energy resources to Mississippi utility ratepayers. I happily join my Commission colleagues in thanking Entergy for its commitment to this project and look forward to continuing the Commission’s Commitment to ensuring Mississippians access to reliable, affordable electricity in the future,” said Central District Commissioner Cecil Brown.



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