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## Mississippi Tops the List of Fastest Growing Solar Markets in the United States

*Public Service Commission turns around Mississippi's solar market in under a decade.*

Jackson, Mississippi (October 13, 2017) – When Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley took office in 2008, the prospect of Mississippi being a major player in solar energy seemed highly unlikely. In under a decade all that has changed thanks to the work of the Public Service Commission and Mississippi electric utilities. This week, the news outlet, Reuters reported that Mississippi, sits atop the list of fastest growing solar markets in the U.S. between the second quarters of 2016 and 2017.

In the last few years, the PSC has not only approved nearly 300 MW of new utility-scale solar generation, but it has also passed a net metering rule, allowing customers who install solar panels to power their homes or businesses to sell excess power back onto regulated utility systems.

“The PSC has worked hard to make decisions that harness solar energy and make economic sense. I’m glad to see our work pay off,” Presley said. “This report shows clearly that the Mississippi PSC is a door opener and not a gatekeeper to solar energy.”

The data was provided to Reuters by GTM Research, a clean energy market information firm. A link to the article can be found [here](#). If you have questions about the Public Service Commission’s work with solar power, contact the PSC at 1-800-637-772 or visit [www.psc.state.ms.us](http://www.psc.state.ms.us).



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