

## News Release

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## **Cell Phones To Be Added To The Mississippi No-Call Program**

**[BILOXI, MISS]-** Commissioners Sam Britton, Cecil Brown and Brandon Presley concluded the Mississippi Public Service Commission's (PSC) statewide press conference tour in Biloxi Thursday afternoon discussing the addition of cell phones to the Mississippi No-Call Program.

As part of The Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act of 2003, the PSC was given authority to promote regulation and maintain the Mississippi No-Call List. The law prohibits those attempting to sell consumer goods and services by telephone from calling telephone numbers that appear on the No Call List. Originally, the law was only applicable to landline phones. As of July 1, 2016 that law now applies to solicitation calls and text messages received on cell phones.

"The Mississippi No Call Program is a great way to begin reducing unwanted telemarketing calls to your residence and now your cell phone," Southern District Commissioner Sam Britton said. "First, it stops those callers that want to obey current laws while also providing a mechanism to pursue those who continue to break the law. The Public Service Commission has a highly trained staff that investigates each complaint within the Public Service Commission's given authority to prevent continuous, unwelcome calls."

Those who wish to add their cell phone number to the No Call list should contact the PSC at 1-800-356-6429 or online at www. psc.state.ms.us/nocall.

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