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BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ENTERGY MISSISSIPPI, LLC	IN RE:	COMMISSION INVESTIGATION INTO THE
EC-123-0082-00		ADEQUATE, RELIABLE, AND
2020-AD-141		ECONOMICAL ELECTRIC SERVICE IN AND
		AROUND THE CITY OF ITTA BENA,
		MISSISSIPPI

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING TREATMENT

Entergy Mississippi, LLC (“Entergy Mississippi”, “EML” or the “Company”) files this Application for Approval of Accounting Treatment requesting approval by the Mississippi Public Service Commission (“MPSC” or the “Commission”) of the Company’s proposed treatment of costs incurred in connection with planning, evaluation, monitoring, and development activities related to the provision of electric service within the City of Itta Bena, Leflore County, Mississippi (“Itta Bena” or “the City”), and in support thereof states the following:

1. Entergy Mississippi is an electric public utility as defined in Section 77-3-3(d)(i) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is engaged in the business of providing electric utility service to and for the public for compensation in portions of forty-five (45) counties in western Mississippi, having its principal place of business at Jackson, Mississippi.
2. Entergy Mississippi holds certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Commission Docket No. U-44 and other Commission Dockets, by orders of the Commission beginning December 3, 1958, as supplemented from time to time, authorizing the Company’s operations in western Mississippi, and is rendering electric utility service in accordance with the Company’s service rules and in accordance with its schedules of rates and charges, all of which have been previously approved by orders of the Commission.

3. Entergy Mississippi is a Texas limited liability company. A copy of its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation is on file with the Commission and is incorporated herein by reference.

4. Itta Bena is a municipal corporation created pursuant to the laws of the State of Mississippi, and owns, manages, and operates an electrical utility system that provides electrical service to approximately 2,000 residents solely within the City's corporate boundaries. Itta Bena's southern corporate boundary is contiguous to Entergy Mississippi's certificated service territory.

5. Itta Bena is a participant in the Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi ("MEAM"). MEAM¹ is a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi organized to supply electric power and energy to municipally owned or operated electric utilities, including Itta Bena.

6. On August 13, 2020, MEAM notified the Commission of an ongoing dispute with Itta Bena regarding payment pursuant to a power sales contract.

7. On October 6, 2020, the Commission opened a proceeding in Docket No. 2020-AD-141 for the purpose of investigating and monitoring the provision of electric service in and around Itta Bena. The Commission joined EML and the City as parties to that proceeding. The Commission referred the matter to Commissioner Brandon Presley as a hearing examiner pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-40(6). In response to the Commission's opening of Docket No. 2020-AD-141, Entergy Mississippi began exploring potential alternatives or options for EML to provide electric service within the City of Itta Bena.

¹ MEAM was created as a joint agency pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 77-5-717 and is made up of six cities: Greenwood, Canton, Kosciusko, Leland, Durant, and Itta Bena.

8. On October 29, 2020, Commissioner Presley conducted a public hearing in Itta Bena related to this matter.
9. On October 30, 2020, the Itta Bena Board of Aldermen voted to authorize discussions for EML to provide retail service to the City of Itta Bena.
10. Although uncertain, the total cost of planning, evaluation, monitoring, and development activities related to provision of electrical service to the City could be significant.
11. The Company, therefore, requests authority to create and recognize a regulatory asset to defer the costs associated with the decision to provide electrical service within the City. The Company proposes that these costs be deferred as a regulatory asset until the evaluation process is concluded and a final decision is made that best serves and benefits the public. The Company further proposes that the regulatory asset be recovered through rates at a time and in a manner to be determined by the Commission, in consultation with EML. The Company also proposes to include the unrecovered balance of the regulatory asset in rate base, beginning with the test year 2021 FRP filing
12. Entergy Mississippi is not seeking authority at this time to proceed with the provision of electric service within Itta Bena. In this filing, Entergy Mississippi requests Commission approval of its proposed accounting treatment for the costs incurred and to be incurred in connection with planning, evaluation, monitoring, and development activities related to the provision of electric service within Itta Bena.
13. Specifically, Entergy Mississippi proposes to defer as a regulatory asset non-payroll operation and maintenance (“O&M”) expenses incurred to date and future non-payroll O&M expenses to be incurred in connection with the planning, evaluation, monitoring, and

development activities related to the provision of electric service within the City. The Commission will have the opportunity to review these costs when they are submitted by the Company for recovery through rates, and at that time the Commission can determine whether the costs were prudently incurred.

14. Service on Entergy Mississippi in this proceeding should be made to:

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Entergy Mississippi, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission approve the accounting treatment for the planning, evaluation, monitoring, and development activities related to the provision of electric service with the City of Itta Bena, Mississippi, all as set out herein, including that Entergy Mississippi defer and accumulate the costs incurred to date and future costs to be incurred in connection with such planning, evaluation, monitoring, and development

activities, with such costs to be recoverable in a manner to be determined by the Commission.

The Company prays for such other, further, and general relief as may be required, needed or beneficial.

This the 1st day of February 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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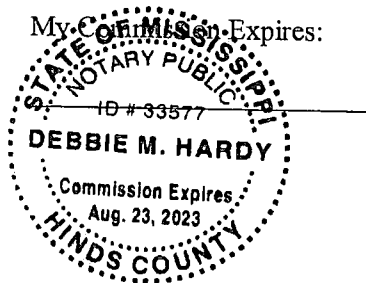
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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, ALEXANDER C. MARTIN, II, who after being by me first duly sworn states that he is Senior Counsel, Entergy Mississippi, LLC, and that as such is fully authorized to make this affidavit; and further states that the matters and things contained in the foregoing Application of Entergy Mississippi, LLC, are true, accurate, and correct as therein set forth to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this the 1st day of February 2021.

Debbie M. Hardy
NOTARY PUBLIC



RP 6.111 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Alexander C. Martin, II, Attorney for Entergy Mississippi, LLC, hereby certify that on this day I have caused to be filed the above and foregoing Application to:

Katherine Collier
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and that on this day I have delivered one copy of the above and foregoing Application to:

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and that, in the filing of the foregoing, I have complied with Rule 6 of the Commission's Public Utilities Rules of Practice and Procedure, in accordance with the Commission's March 12, 2020 Order Temporarily Suspending Rules and Encouraging Use of the Commission's Electronic Filing Systems.

This the 1st day of February 2021.



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