

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**ENTERGY MISSISSIPPI, LLC
EC-123-0082-00**

DOCKET NO. 2019-UA-232

**IN RE: ENTERGY MISSISSIPPI, LLC'S NOTICE OF IRP CYCLE
 PURSUANT TO COMMISSION RULE 29**

**ORDER IMPLEMENTING CONSULTANT RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR FUTURE LONG TERM PLANNING REPORTS**

BEFORE THE COMMISSION is the 2021 IRP Filing submitted by Entergy Mississippi, LLC ("EML") pursuant to RP 29 of the Commission's Public Utilities Rules of Practice and Procedure. Having received and reviewed EML's 2021 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"), along with the written comments submitted by the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("Staff") and various Intervenors, the Commission finds as follows:

1. On November 22, 2019, the Commission entered a Final Order Amending Rule 29 to Establish Integrated Resource Planning and Annual Energy Delivery Reporting Requirements. In accordance with the newly revised Rule 29, EML initiated the current docket by filing a Notice of IRP Cycle on December 23, 2019. That Notice proposed a compliance schedule for the submission of the various reports required by Rule 29, and an amended compliance schedule was ultimately approved by Order of the Commission on January 6, 2020. Pursuant to the approved schedule, EML filed its first IRP Report on June 15, 2021.

2. Rule 29-105 defines the general schedule for IRP report submission and subsequent stakeholder involvement. According to that Rule, interested parties may file comments addressing the filed IRP within sixty (60) days of its submission,

and the Staff “shall have eighty (80) days from the IRP filing date to file any comments on the Plan.”¹ The Rule further provides :

The Commission shall review the Integrated Resource Plan and note any deficiencies within one hundred twenty (120) days after its submittal by the utility. The Public Utilities Staff shall assist the Commission with its review. If the Staff believes the use of consultants is necessary or helpful in its review of any Integrated Resource Plan, the utility shall be required to pay for the cost of such consultants and allowed to recover said costs in rates. ²

3. In accordance with these provisions of Rule 29, three (3) Intervenor submitted written comments on EML’s filed IRP. In addition, believing the use of consultants to be helpful in its review, Staff retained the consulting firm of Bates White, LLC “to review, analyze and report on the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan ... filed by Entergy Mississippi LLC....”³ Apparently agreeing with the conclusions and recommendations of the consultants, the Staff attached the full Bates White Report to a cover letter and filed it as Staff’s Comments on EML’s IRP on September 10, 2021.⁴

4. As noted in the Bates White Report/Staff’s Comments, “Bates White evaluated adherence to the specified reporting requirements under amended Rule 29, and also the extent to which EML’s reporting meets the intent of the amended rule....”⁵ Bates White ultimately found that EML applied a reasonable methodology in the preparation of its IRP, but that material changes – known to and

¹ R.P. 29-105.6

² R.P. 29-105.8

³ Bates White Report of EML 2021 Integrated Resource Plan, p. 4 (submitted on Sept. 10, 2021 as MPUS Comments on IRP).

⁴ See *id.*

⁵ See *id.*

acknowledged by EML since finalization of the IRP – create “implications for EML’s near-term resource-related actions,” that should be addressed in EML’s future Rule 29 filings.⁶

5. Through its own review of the IRP report and responsive comments, the Commission finds that EML has met the procedural requirements of Rule 29 and does not find any reporting deficiencies within the meaning of Rule 29-105.8. Nevertheless, the Commission recognizes that the implementation of revised Rule 29 is still in its infancy. As such, some clarification as to the scope of substantive information the Commission expects to see in future long-term planning / IRP reports may prove helpful. In addition, the Commission notes and appreciates that EML has committed to implementing certain recommendations from Bates White, as well as stakeholder suggestions for improving the IRP process going forward. Accordingly, the Commission hereby instructs EML to incorporate the following into its future Rule 29 reports:

- a. EML will address any identified material changes, including specifically its new Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) methodology, in the December 2022 Mid-Point Supply Side Update;
- b. In consultation with the Commission and Staff, EML will consider RFP options beyond the targeting of 100 MW of solar;
- c. EML will include a summary table in the December 2022 Mid-Point Supply Side Update and other future IRP filings, of the futures considered with sufficiently detailed explanations of “reference,” “low,” “mid,” and “high;”
- d. EML will include a table of contents and introductory section in future reports, setting forth the changes from the prior report in sufficient

⁶ See *Id.* at pp. 5-6.

detail that a reader would be able to locate all pertinent information about the change and any new information not contained in prior reports;

- e. EML will provide future intervenors with appropriate notice of any documents filed in accordance with Rule 29, including but not limited to the Integrated Resource Plan, the Mid-Point Supply Side Update, the Annual Energy Delivery Plan, and the Transmission and Distribution Plan, with original copies of those filings;
- f. EML will provide advance notice of the initial public workshop and technical conference, as well as advance copies of any presentations to be utilized at the public workshop and technical conference; and
- g. EML will commit to updating the renewable resource pricing in its IRP portfolio analysis and include the updated evaluation in the Mid-Point Supply Side Update to be filed in December 2022.

6. The Executive Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Order to all parties of record, all affected public utilities and any other parties of interest identified. This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of the Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

SO ORDERED, THIS the 2nd day of November, 2021.

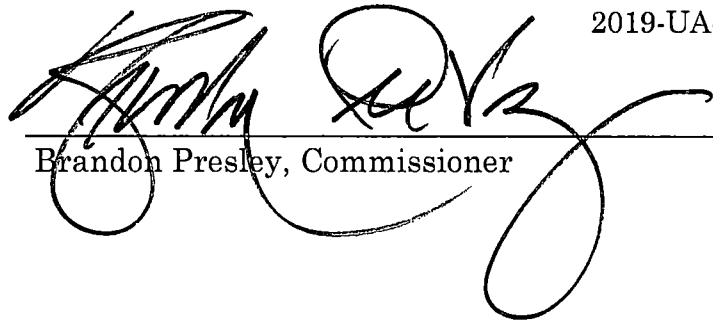
Chairman Dane Maxwell voted aye; Commissioner Brent Bailey voted aye, and Commissioner Brandon Presley voted aye.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION





Dane Maxwell, Chairman


Brent Bailey, Commissioner



Brandon Presley, Commissioner

Attest: A True and Correct Copy



Katherine Collier,
Executive Secretary

Effective this the 2nd day of November, 2021.