

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**DOCKET NO: 2011-AD-2**

**IN RE: ORDER ESTABLISHING DOCKET TO INVESTIGATE THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NET METERING  
PROGRAMS AND STANDARDS**

**ORDER ESTABLISHING DOCKET**

COMES NOW the Mississippi Public Service Commission (“Commission”) and establishes this docket for the purpose of investigating the development and implementation of net metering and interconnection standards.

At its December 7, 2010 Open Meeting the Commission voted to open a docket for the purpose of investigating the possibility of establishing and implementing net metering and interconnection standards for Mississippi. It is the intention of the Commission to engage in a thorough and comprehensive investigation and fact gathering process. The Commission has determined that this purpose will be best served by a three-phase proceeding. Phase I of the proceeding will focus on identifying specific issues which should be addressed in the possible rule as well as what procedures should be utilized to solicit input from interested parties. If, after Phase I, the Commission determines that it is in the best interest of ratepayers to proceed with this docket, Phase II will be directed at developing a Proposed Rule. Phase III will consist of traditional rule-making procedures consistent with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act and applicable Commission Rules. Interested parties will have an opportunity to intervene at the beginning of each phase of the proceeding.

Parties desiring to intervene in Phase I of this proceeding shall do so within twenty (20) days of publication in a newspaper of general circulation published in Jackson, Mississippi. Comments in

Phase I shall be filed with the Commission no later than March 1, 2011. Comments should address topics including, but not limited to the following:

- a. Specific issues which should be addressed in a Commission Rule on Net Metering and Interconnection Standards.
- b. Possible approaches for soliciting input from interested parties and drafting a Proposed Rule on Net Metering and Interconnection Standards including, but not limited to a collaborative or “working group”.
- c. A proposed Procedural Schedule for Phase II.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. All stakeholders and other interested persons and all electric and natural gas utilities over which this Commission has ratemaking authority as well as all electric power associations in Mississippi are invited to become parties and to submit written testimony or comments.
2. Parties desiring to intervene in Phase I of this proceeding shall do so within twenty (20) days of publication in a newspaper of general circulation published in Jackson, Mississippi.
3. Comments in Phase I shall be filed with the Commission no later than March 1, 2011.
4. Should the Commission determine that it is in the best interest of ratepayers to proceed to Phases II and III of the proceedings, parties desiring to intervene in only those phases will have an opportunity to do so at that time.
5. The Executive Secretary of the Commission is hereby instructed to serve a copy of this Order on Entergy Mississippi, Inc. Mississippi Power Company and all parties who intervened in the EISA standards docket (No. 2008-AD-477) and the Energy Efficiency docket (No. 2010-AD-2). The Executive Secretary of the Commission is further instructed to publish notice of this proceeding in a newspaper of general circulation

published in Jackson, Mississippi, all as provided by Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-47 and in accordance with the Commission's Public Utilities Rules of Practice and Procedure.

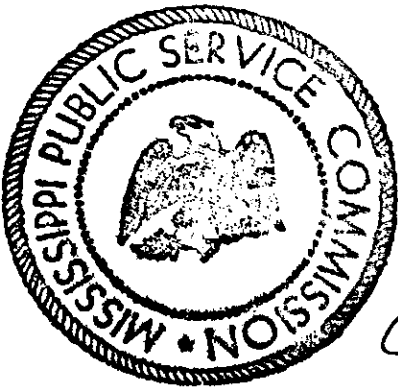
6. The Commission will set forth a more detailed procedural schedule by subsequent order.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Lynn Posey voted Aye; Vice-Chairman Leonard Bentz voted Aye; and Commissioner Brandon Presley voted Aye;

Dated, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2011.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



*[Handwritten signature of Lynn Posey]*

Lynn Posey, Chairman

*[Handwritten signature of Leonard Bentz]*

Leonard Bentz, Vice-Chairman

*[Handwritten signature of Brandon Presley]*

Brandon Presley, Commissioner

Attest: A True and Correct Copy

*[Handwritten signature of Brian U. Ray]*

Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary

Effective this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2011.