

Mississippi PSC secures \$300,000,000 settlement with Entergy Mississippi

Convicted rapist, Jimmy Allen, granted a bond to be released by Circuit Court Judge after conviction by jury

The PSC’s largest settlement in state history includes \$235,000,000 cash settlement and additional \$65,000,000 in savings to customers

The Mississippi Public Service Commission announced today a \$300,000,000 settlement with Entergy Mississippi, the state’s largest electric utility, and other parties. The unanimous, bipartisan settlement which will produce cash payments or bill credits to Entergy Mississippi’s 461,000 customers, along with mitigation of future rate increases caused by volatile global energy markets, represents the Public Service Commission’s largest cash settlement in state history.

In 2017, the Commission began litigation before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding certain accounting and financing aspects of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Station that produced today’s settlement. The \$300 million settlement with Entergy Mississippi and other parties is related to 13 litigated proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. This global settlement for the State of Mississippi will deliver expeditious benefits to Entergy Mississippi’s customers through refunds and prospective rate reductions, plus decrease regulatory uncertainty at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station.

The results of the Settlement include:

- Producing roughly a total of \$300 million in benefits for Entergy Mississippi customers
- \$200 million will be used to offset high natural prices caused by global spikes in energy markets.
- Without infusion of this \$200 million, Entergy Mississippi customers would have seen an over \$15 dollar a month increase beginning

in January 2023.

- The \$200 million offset to Entergy Mississippi’s natural gas procurement to make electricity will also erase over \$20 million in fees Entergy Mississippi’s customers would have incurred.

- \$35 million will be used for a onetime bill credit or check of approximately \$80 for each customer.

- The remaining \$65 million in savings will provide additional benefits that will mitigate future costs to customers.

- Entergy Mississippi, at the expense of their shareholders, will incur costs of \$600,000 over the next four years for an annual audit of certain financial aspects of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Station as directed by the Commission.

“Today’s settlement is a huge win for Entergy Mississippi customers, especially in the Central District, where nearly 70% of Entergy Mississippi customers reside,” Central District Commissioner Brent Bailey said. “The \$80 credit for each customer — and every other dollar that we can help customers save on their electric bill — goes back into their pockets during a time that Mississippians face increasing prices on many consumer goods and services. The conclusion of this lawsuit also allows the Commission to direct Entergy Mississippi to use \$200 million to offset anticipated rate increases which will also put money back into their pockets. As Commissioner, it’s an honor to be a part of the success of this noteworthy settlement.”

“I thank my colleagues and the Commission’s staff for the hard work that resulted in this historic settlement. To be able to send cash back to Mississippians at a time when they are being hit with high gasoline prices at the pump and inflation at every

turn is one of my proudest achievements as a Public Service Commissioner. In a global energy crisis, we have taken the lead to brunt these effects, as much as possible, and provide long-term and short-term financial benefits to our people. We will continue to hunt in every nook and cranny for ways to save Mississippians money and hold utility companies accountable,” said Northern District Commissioner Brandon Presley.

Over the coming weeks, the Commission will address and order the disbursement of the Settlement.

From the office of District Attorney Akillie Malone Oliver

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, Yazoo County Circuit Court Judge granted convicted rapist, Jimmy Allen, a bond to be released from jail after he was found guilty by a Yazoo County Jury of six counts of Statutory Rape of his own daughter which began when the minor child was only eleven years old. This bond will allow Allen to return to his home in the community while he awaits

his appeal. For the multiple rape of the minor child, Allen was sentenced to serve approximately thirty years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections on or about April 14, 2022.

Law Enforcement testified that Jimmy Allen was placed on suicide watch after his initial conviction. Prosecutors stated Allen was a danger to himself, the victim and the community and asked the Court to not allow him out on bond. Moreover, there were a few

letters given to the Court, one of which was from current Mayor's wife, Veronica Starling, in support of Allen’s release. Conversely, despite the recommendation of law enforcement, the judge went against said recommendation and granted Allen a bond of \$75,000.00 to be released from jail while he waits on his appeal. Today's decision, granting Allen a bond after being convicted by a jury, was very disturbing, shocking and disappointing to the victim and her family.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE YAZOO MISSISSIPPI DELTA LEVEE DISTRICT

The Board of Levee Commissioners for the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District (the “Levee Board”) will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2022-2023 on July 14, 2022 at 1:00 o’clock P.M., at 140 Delta Avenue, Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614.

The Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$3,935,738.00 (56.30 percent) or \$ 2,215,780.00 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$ 4,348,821.90. Of that amount (52.45 percent) or \$ 2,280,780.00 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision by the Levee Board to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for fiscal year 2022-23 above the current fiscal year’s ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes assessed by the Levee Board on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for fiscal year 2022-23.

Any citizen of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2022-23 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Mississippi man gets 30 months for COVID-related wire fraud

(AP) — A Mississippi man has been sentenced to 30 months in prison for wire fraud related to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, federal authorities said.

Court documents show Hancock County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Trevon Evans, 25, of Kiln, on Aug. 3, 2020, in relation to two stolen vehicles and found him in possession of multiple identification cards with different names.

Further investigation found that Evans had taken advantage of elderly neighbors by convincing them to give him their personal information so

that he could help them get benefits related to the COVID pandemic. Evans then used that information to apply for unemployment insurance in the victims’ names and had the benefits sent to him at his home, U.S. Attorney Darren J. LaMarca said in a news release Friday.

The benefits totaled more than \$7,000 and were used by Evans at casinos along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, court records showed.

Evans pleaded guilty to wire fraud on Feb. 16 in federal court in Gulfport and was sentenced Thursday, LaMarca’s office said.