

Operation Bill Assist: Entergy Mississippi pledges \$3.2M to help customers

Bill payment help, energy-efficiency tools and more on tap

JACKSON, Miss. — Entergy Mississippi has announced a \$3.2-million pledge, funded by its shareholders, to help customers with high bills brought on

primarily by high natural gas prices. While the effort will apply to all residential customers, it will focus mainly on helping those with low to moderate incomes.

More than half of the power Entergy Mississippi generates comes from natural

gas, and the cost to buy this fuel has more than doubled in the last year. These fuel costs are passed through to customers with no profit to the company. However, these persistent high natural gas prices are expected to affect customer bills later this year and into the next.

“We not only want to alert our customers ahead of time when we see factors that can affect their bills, we also want to give them the help and tools they need to prepare for those bills,” said Haley Fisackerly, Entergy Mississippi president and CEO.

Entergy announced four initiatives designed to help

up today to have a chance to win a Grand Prize trip to NYC & potentially become the first Millionaire of the Year. Entering early could possibly win you \$1,000 in the final “early bird” drawing Friday, Sept. 23. The Grand Prize drawing occurs Oct. 3. Sign up: <https://www.ms lotteryhome.com/players/mississippi-lottery-insider/>

customers:

- \$150 bill credit for moderate-income customers. Nearly \$1.1 million will fund a temporary bill payment assistance program for Mississippi customers. The focus will be on moderate-income customers who struggle to pay utility bills, but do not qualify for federal bill assistance programs. These customers would receive a one-time \$150 bill credit.

- Up to \$1,000 for disabled and older customers in need. More than \$540,000 will provide emergency utility bill payments for one or more months to older adults and customers with disabilities facing financial hardship. These funds will also provide agencies with administrative fees to cover added expenses associated with an increased volume of requests for help.

- Free \$35 energy efficiency kits. Nearly \$1.1 million will pay for money-saving energy efficiency kits. Customers can get these kits at community events in Entergy’s service area this fall or can request them online at <https://msentergysolutions-marketplace.com/>. Available to all customers, the kits can potentially save customers \$5 per month or \$60 annually, and combined with Entergy’s available online tools, can save custom-

ers as much as \$300 annually.

- \$460,000 for customer education. This money will fund a campaign to make Entergy customers aware of additional energy-efficiency and bill help available to them. This will include outreach and assistance to low-income households on how they can apply for federal bill assistance in their area, including the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program known as LIHEAP.

“As part of a settlement, we worked with the Mississippi Public Service commissioners to get bill payment relief in the form of an \$80 rebate to all customers in September and a \$15 per 1,000-kilowatt benefit toward their bill through next year,” said Fisackerly. “Now we’re working with them again, and with our community partners, to expand on that effort and help Mississippians get additional relief.”

Fisackerly said the company is also addressing the natural gas crisis by taking steps to limit its use of natural gas.

“We are investing in Grand Gulf Nuclear Station’s low-cost power and incorporating more renewable energy into our generation portfolio,” he said. “An example of that is the recently-completed Sunflower Solar Station in the Mississippi delta.”

All Entergy charitable contributions come from shareholder profit, not from

customers. No costs associated with Entergy charitable contributions are passed through to customers.

The company will share more details about the initiatives as it rolls each one out in the coming weeks. Learn more at entergy.com/answers and entergy.com/billhelp.



Sheriff March and Warden Rule thank the staff as well as the American Correctional Association Auditors for their hard work, dedication and commitment to providing public safety and top notch services to the offender population at the Holmes-Humphreys County Regional Correctional Facility.



August Transfer and Jackpot

JACKSON, MISS -- The Mississippi Lottery Corporation has completed its August transfer to the state for \$8,533,290.22, bringing the total for the first two months of FY23 to \$20,367,589.00.

In accordance with the Alyce G. Clarke Lottery Law, the MLC is required to transfer net proceeds within 20 days following the close of each calendar month. The first \$80 million goes to Mississippi Department of Transportation projects; proceeds exceeding \$80 million are earmarked for the Education Enhancement Fund.

All numbers contingent on financial audit.

\$358,000 MISSISSIPPI MATCH 5 JACKPOT HIT

Mega Millions jackpot reaches \$256 million; Powerball grows to \$225 million

JACKSON, MISS – One Mississippi Lottery player hit it big when they matched all five numbers from the Thursday, Sept. 15, Mississippi Match 5 drawing, which boasted a jackpot of \$358,000.

The numbers drawn were 7-20-26-27-35, and the winning ticket was purchased from Pomp and Bees on Hwy. 11 South in Poplarville. The jackpot for the Saturday, Sept. 17, Mississippi Match 5 drawing has reset to an estimated \$50,000.

Check those numbers

It’s always important for players to retain their tickets and check the numbers after each drawing! Several large prizes are just waiting to be claimed. Even if the jackpot is not hit, big wins are still possible.

POWERBALL® OUTSTANDING

PRIZES:

- \$500,000: A winning ticket for the Aug. 13 drawing was sold at Broadway Mart on South Broadway, McComb. Ticket expires Feb. 9, 2023.

- \$50,000: A winning ticket for the Aug. 17 drawing was sold at Sprint Mart #124 on Lakeland Drive, Jackson. Ticket expires Feb. 13, 2023.

Mega Millions® outstanding prizes:

- \$10,000: A winning ticket for the July 15 drawing was sold at Russell Chevron #21 on Russell Mt. Gilead Road in Meridian. Ticket expires Jan. 11, 2023.

- \$10,000: A winning ticket for the Aug. 9 drawing was sold at Murphy Oil #7573 on Alexander Road, Holly Springs. Ticket expires Feb. 5, 2023.

- \$10,000: A winning ticket for the Sept. 6 drawing was sold at Murphy Oil #7566 on Jackson Avenue, Oxford. Ticket expires March 5, 2023.

- \$10,000: A winning ticket for the Sept. 13 drawing was sold at Clark Oil on Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis. Ticket expires March 12, 2023.

The Friday, Sept. 16, Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated \$256 million with a cash value of approximately \$137.4 million. The Saturday, Sept. 17, Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$225 million with a cash value of approximately \$122.7 million.

Reminder

The second “early bird” drawing occurred Friday, September 16 for Powerball® First Millionaire of the Year™ promo. The winner of \$1,000 is from Centreville! If you’re not an Insider, sign

New Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Shots Now Available at County Health Departments

JACKSON, Miss. – Starting today, appointments for the new bivalent COVID-19 booster shot are available at all Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) county health department clinics.

Appointments can be made through <https://covidvaccine.umc.edu> or by calling the COVID-19 hotline at 877-978-6453.

The FDA has authorized an updated COVID-19 booster that offers improved protection against recent variants. The new booster is bivalent, providing better protection against both the original strain of COVID-19 and the Omicron variants that are currently causing most infections (BA.4 and BA.5).

The updated vaccines are recommended for use as a booster shot for those 12 and older at least two months after completion of the primary vaccination series (Pfizer, Moderna or Noravax two-shot regimen, or Johnson & Johnson/Janssen’s one-shot regimen) or two months after the last booster shot.

“We strongly recommend that anyone eligible should go ahead and receive the up-

dated booster now to provide the best protection against COVID-19 infection and severe complications from COVID-19,” said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers. “There is always the possibility of increased cases as we move into the fall and winter months. Don’t wait to protect yourself.”

MSDH recommends vaccination against COVID-19 for anyone 6 months and older. Vaccination is especially important for adults 65 and older, children, and adults who have weakened immune systems, and anyone with underlying health problems.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available at no cost from county health departments. Vaccinations are also available at numerous pharmacies and private providers throughout the state.

For information about eligibility and to make an appointment for COVID-19 vaccinations or boosters, visit <https://covidvaccine.umc.edu>.

Please remember to bring your COVID-19 vaccination card to your appointment, if available.



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