

**Mississippi Secretary of State**  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING**

AGENCY NAME Public Service Commission		CONTACT PERSON Katherine Collier	TELEPHONE NUMBER 601-961-5405	
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1174		CITY Jackson	STATE MS	ZIP 39215
EMAIL katherinebriggs@gmail.com	SUBMIT DATE 4/13/15	Name or number of rule(s): Interconnection and Net Metering Joint Rules		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: To consider the possibility of implementing net metering and interconnection standards for Mississippi.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-45

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: None

**ORAL PROCEEDING:**

An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

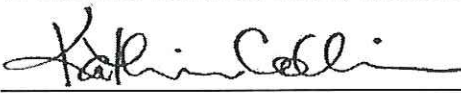
If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Economic impact statement not required for this rule.  Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
<input type="checkbox"/> Original filing <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately upon filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	<b>Action proposed:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal of existing rule(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption by reference <b>Proposed final effective date:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	<b>Date Proposed Rule Filed:</b> _____ <b>Action taken:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted with no changes in text <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted with changes <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by reference <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal adopted as proposed <b>Effective date:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Katherine Collier, Executive Secretary

Signature of person authorized to file rules: 

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.



DELBERT HOSEMAN  
*Secretary of State*

**CONCISE SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. This is a Concise Summary of the Economic Impact Statement which must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office.**

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EMAIL katherine.collier@psc.state.ms.us	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Interconnection and Net Metering Joint Rules		
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-45	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: NONE		

**A. Estimated Costs and Benefits**

1. Briefly summarize the benefits that may result from this regulation and who will benefit:

**The joint rules may provide ratepayers the option to self-supply electricity at a lower cost and may avoid some generation costs of utilities. The Synapse Report found that under the Total Resource Cost Test, the joint rules may provide \$170 per Mwh of benefits against costs of \$143 per Mwh, resulting in a B/C of 1.19. Additionally, solar generation on a larger scale in Mississippi, given the current very low presence, may provide environmental enhancements and greater fuel diversity for electricity generation.**

2. Briefly describe the need for the proposed rule:

**The joint rules establish the framework required to provide utility technical support and to aid in reducing the cost of solar generation (primarily) for Mississippi ratepayers who wish to self-supply electricity.**

3. Briefly describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:

**The joint rules may provide for public health, safety and welfare of ratepayers who implement solar electric generation and may provide benefits to other ratepayers as well. It is possible that business activity and employment may be increased, which would increase the general welfare. Additionally, the joint rules may promote generation that avoids emissions that federal agencies deem detrimental to public health, potentially reducing the cost of compliance with federal regulations.**

4. Estimated Cost of implementing proposed action:

- a. To the agency  
 Nothing  Minimal  Moderate  Substantial  Excessive
- b. To other state or local government entities  
 Nothing  Minimal  Moderate  Substantial  Excessive

5. Estimated Cost and/or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed rule:

c. Cost:

Nothing  Minimal  Moderate  Substantial  Excessive

d. Economic Benefit: **The Synapse Report estimates that benefits outweigh costs, with a stable B/C of about 1.19 in the mid-range.**

Nothing  Minimal  Moderate  Substantial  Excessive

6. Estimated impact on small businesses: **NOT QUANTIFIABLE**

Nothing  Minimal  Moderate  Substantial  Excessive

a. Estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: **NOT QUANTIFIABLE**

b. Projected costs for small businesses to comply:

**The Synapse Report estimates costs of approximately \$143 per Mwh, compared to anticipated potential benefits of \$170 per Mwh.**

c. Statement of probable effect on impacted small businesses:

**Small businesses that engage in solar electric generation apparatus sales and installation may benefit. Additionally, small businesses may choose to take advantage of the joint rules and self-supply electricity. Such small business, like ratepayers who choose to participate, may benefit if the B/C, as indicated in the Synapse Report, are realized.**

7. The cost of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option): **NO ALTERNATIVE**

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8. The benefit of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option): **NO ALTERNATIVE; NOT QUANTIFIABLE**

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#### B. Reasonable Alternative Methods

1. Other than adopting this rule, are there less costly or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule?

yes  no

2. If yes, please briefly describe available, reasonable alternative(s) and the reasons for rejecting those alternatives in favor of the proposed rule. (Please see §25-43-4.104 for factors you must consider.)

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#### C. Data and Methodology

1. Please briefly describe the data and methodology you used in making the estimates required by this form.

**Data and methodology discussions are included in the Synapse Report available from the MPSC. A review of a variety of such rules in forty-six states suggests that generally the associated benefits may outweigh costs. There is no indication of substantive continuing complaints or problems in those states. Complaints or problems are not expected in Mississippi, other than those associated with the standard necessary adjustments inherent with new programs.**


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**D. Public Notice**

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1. Where, when, and how may someone present their views on the proposed rule and request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule if one is not already scheduled?

**All persons who desire to participate in a public hearing are directed to file with the Commission notice of their intent to participate and written comments or testimony on or before July 1, 2015. A public hearing will be set by the Commission at a later date, after receipt and review of filed comments.**

SIGNATURE 	TITLE Executive Secretary
DATE 4/13/15	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 30 days after adoption of final rule