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## Office of Commissioner Brandon Presley MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NORTHERN DISTRICT

## PSC Officials Announce Addition of Cell Phones Numbers to Mississippi No Call List

Tupelo, Mississippi (July 1, 2016) – Today, Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley, alongside Central District Commissioner Cecil Brown and Southern District Commissioner Sam Britton officially announced that Mississippi's No Call List now covers cell phones. Now solicitation calls and text messages will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Prior to July 1, 2016, only landlines were eligible to be on the state's list.

"After 8 years of advocating for cell phone numbers to be included on the No Call list, to say I have been looking forward to this day would be an understatement. I would like to thank the Mississippi legislature for changing the law to add the cell phones that so many now use as their primary contact number," said Commissioner Brandon Presley.

The No Call program began in July of 2003 and by law prohibits those attempting to sell consumer goods and services by telephone from calling telephone numbers that appear on the "No Call List". The program is administered by the Public Service Commission and is designed to reduce the number of telemarketing calls subscribers receive. It will not eliminate all telemarketing calls.

Starting today, Mississippians who wish to add their cellular telephone number to the No Call list should contact the PSC at 1-800-356-6428 or online at www. psc.state.ms.us/nocall. It does take sixty days for your number to become effective on the list.

