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Office of Commissioner Brandon Presley MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NORTHERN DISTRICT

Presley Alerts Public to PSC Impersonation Scam

Nettleton, Mississippi (March 10, 2016) – Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley wants consumers to be aware of a serious telephone scam which uses the Mississippi Public Service Commission's name as bait to obtain money and personal information from victims.

Early this week, constituents reported receiving calls telling them they had won a large amount of money. In all reported cases, the victim would soon receive a follow-up call from a person claiming to be with Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley's office. This person would declare that the winnings were legitimate and could be collected after payment of a \$750 transaction fee.

Presley calls the scam outrageous. "The Public Service Commission is on the front lines protecting the interests of Mississippi phone customers. For these crooks to try and use our good name to scam our people is despicable. Customers need to be aware that the PSC does not and will not call anyone for such a purpose as this, and if you get such a call, report it immediately," Presley said.

Presley advises that anyone receiving a phone call from someone claiming to be from the PSC who demands money or personal information to report the call at 1.800.637.7722 or 1.800.356.6428

