

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PORT OF GULFPORT RESTORATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast and with neighboring states caused the greatest natural disaster ever to occur in the State of Mississippi and the United States, including almost complete destruction of the facilities and infrastructure of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, Entergy Mississippi Inc.'s mission is to provide its customers with safe, affordable and reliable power, and we believe that reinvesting in the communities where we live and work will enhance the vitality and quality of life in those areas; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Port of Gulfport's restoration program is to facilitate the restoration of public infrastructure and publicly owned facilities that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, to provide storm mitigation against future damage and to provide for the long term recovery of the operating capacity of the Port; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by Entergy Mississippi Inc. that the restoration and redevelopment of the Port at Gulfport is essential to the continued economic recovery and development of the entire State of Mississippi from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

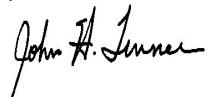
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport has adopted a plan that focuses on restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities and operations in such a way as to maintain and protect investment by existing customers at the Port; facilitate and maximize the future growth of Port operations through private investment; and, at the same time, seeks to minimize community displacement or disruption caused by future storms; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities would allow and accommodate future growth of Port facilities which could bring new and better jobs, a higher quality of life, and businesses and economic development opportunities into the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Entergy Mississippi Inc. finds that the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport's plan for restoration and redevelopment of the State Port at Gulfport aligns with our company's interest in enhancing the vitality and quality of life in Mississippi; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Entergy Mississippi Inc. does hereby express its support for the plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport for the restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport.

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