A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Entergy Mississippi and its 2,000 employees have been an integral part of life in Mississippi for 80 years, providing constant utility service to customers and building the economic base of the state and its communities; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 1923, the Mississippi Power and Light Company, commonly known as MP&L, was chartered and began serving the cities of Columbus, Greenville, Jackson and Vicksburg in 1924; and

WHEREAS, over its years of service the company, known as Entergy Mississippi since 1996, has worked successfully to promote the growth and economic development of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Entergy Mississippi today provides safe, reliable electric service to more than 400,000 residential and business customers in 45 counties; and

WHEREAS, Entergy Mississippi has recently achieved the highest levels of customer satisfaction in the company's history and is ranked as one of the top utilities in the United States in terms of customer service; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi commends this outstanding company for its 80 years of delivering electric service to communities and its commitment to being a good corporate citizen throughout its Mississippi service territory; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 12, 2003, as

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in the State of Mississippi to congratulate Entergy Mississippi on its 80 years of service to communities around the State of Mississippi and extend to the 2000 active and 660 retired employees who have made the company so successful—our best wishes in all their future endeavors

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, March 26, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR