

TECO Power Systems Groundbreaking  
Tuesday, April 24, 2001  
11:00 a.m.  
McAdams, MS

### **Talking Points**

- Good Morning!
- It is a pleasure for me to be here this morning with Mayor Cockroft (Kosciusko) and Rick Ludwig (President of TECO).
- I am happy to participate in this groundbreaking ceremony for TECO Power Services, which will begin commercial operation in 2002.
- In 1993, TECO Power Services began with its first major project in Florida.
- Today, TECO is ranked among the top 10 independent power companies in the U.S., and the top 25 independent power companies in the world.
- TECO Power Services will provide Mississippi with more reliable energy services.

- This will enable more Mississippians to enjoy an even better quality of life.
- This new facility in McAdams is a shining example of how industries are taking notice of Mississippi.
- Mississippi has a bright future; our people are educated, trained and ready for the great changes taking place in our state.
- With public, private, corporate and community leaders along with elected officials working together; we can achieve great success in and for Mississippi.
- I am looking forward to a productive future with TECO Power Services.
- Exciting things are happening for our state.
  - By 2002, Mississippi will have an Internet-accessible computer in every classroom.
  - By 2003, the Nissan production plant will fully operational, employing almost 4000 Mississippians.

- The world is taking notice of the great things happening here.
- Mississippi is “open for business.”
- Our educational system; our skilled, trained workforce; and our competitive marketing plan, the Advantage Mississippi Initiative, are just a few of the factors leading to our success.
- For years, we have been quietly investing in our children’s education – in our people; we are now beginning to reap the benefits.
- I want to thank the individuals and organizations that were involved in working toward the completion of this facility.
- And I want to welcome TECO Powers Systems to Mississippi.
- I’m excited about the opportunities in our future and delighted that we can share this good news today.