

*Remarks for the  
Mississippi Power Plant Daniel Combined Cycle Dedication  
July 20, 2001*

Good morning, and thank you for the invitation to join you here today.

It is always a pleasure to celebrate industrial expansion in Mississippi, and I am especially pleased to be doing just that in Jackson County.

I want to thank Mississippi Power for their valuable partnership in attracting new industry to Mississippi. The combination of the Advantage Mississippi initiative and the efforts of companies like Mississippi Power is powerful.

Jackson County has so much potential for growth in business and industry, and a project like this bodes well for future economic development projects.

These new units alone represent an investment of about \$400 million, and over 1,000 jobs were created over the two years needed to build them. 28 new jobs were added to the plant's staff just to operate these units.

The great spinoff from a project like this comes from the millions of dollars in payrolls and increased spending in the county and region.

These units alone will generate enough electricity to power over 150,000 homes and businesses.

I'm confident these units will one day soon be straining to meet that demand.

This plant demonstrates Mississippi Power's commitment to this region, and is a strong testament to the good work of its employees.

Congratulations on the completion of these units, and we will all be looking forward to the great things to come from Mississippi Power.

Thank you.