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Certified Mail No. 7018 0360 0000 7113 5820
Mississippi Power Company
Attention: Mr. Patrick Chubb
PO Nox 4079
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502-4079

Dear Mr. Chubb:

Re: Mississippi Power Company,
Fort Bayou Switch Access
Improvement
Jackson County
COE No. SAM201900215APS
WQC No. WQC2019035

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U. S. C. 1251, 1341), the Office of Pollution Control (OPC) issues this Certification, after public notice and opportunity for public hearing, Mississippi Power Company, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Mississippi Power Company, Fort Bayou Switch Access Improvement: This project is for the construction of a new 100ft by 100ft switch pad for a total of 1.38 acres as well as the rehabilitation of a 3000ft by 20ft access road for a total 0.23 acres. The total disturbed acreage will be 1.62 acres for this project. This project is located within Jackson county.
[SAM201900215APS, WQC2019035].

The Office of Pollution Control certifies that the above-described activity will be in compliance with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Section 49-17-29 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, if the applicant complies with the following conditions:

1. All fill material and excavation areas shall have side slopes of at least 3:1 (horizontal: vertical) and shall be immediately seeded, stabilized and maintained.

2. Coverage under a Small Storm Water Construction General NPDES Permit shall be obtained prior to the start of construction activities. **No construction activities shall begin until such approvals are obtained.**
3. Mitigation for the impacts of 1.62 acres of wetlands shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. The number of credits purchased must be in accordance with the baking prospectus and should be based upon that required for permanently impacting approximately 1.62 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. Written verification of credit purchase must be provided to the Office of Pollution Control prior to the commencement of any work in wetland areas.
4. No sewage, oil, refuse, or other pollutants shall be discharged into the watercourse.

The Office of Pollution Control also certifies that there are no limitations under Section 302 nor standards under Sections 306 and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act which are applicable to the applicant's above-described activity.

This certification is valid for the project as proposed. Any deviations without proper modifications and/or approvals may result in a violation of the 401 Water Quality Certification. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jacob Reed.

Sincerely,



Krystal Rudolph, P.E., BCEE
Chief, Environmental Permits Division

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cc: Amiee P. Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
Willa Brantley, Department of Marine Resources
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Ms. Janet Riddell, Office of Budget & Fund Management