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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED MAY 10, 2016**

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

**(To Prospectus dated August 30, 2013)**

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## **Entergy Mississippi, Inc.**

### **First Mortgage Bonds,**

**% Series due , 20**

We are offering \$ million of our First Mortgage Bonds, % Series due , 20 . We will pay interest on the bonds on and of each year. The first interest payment on the bonds will be made on , 2016. The bonds will be redeemable at our option, in whole or in part, (i) at any time prior to , 20 at the make-whole redemption price described in this prospectus supplement, and (ii) at any time on or after , 20 , prior to maturity of the bonds, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the bonds being redeemed, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date. The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

As described in the accompanying prospectus, the bonds are a series of first mortgage bonds issued under our mortgage and deed of trust, which has the benefit of a first mortgage lien on substantially all of our property.

**Investing in the bonds involves risks. See Risk Factors on page S-1 of this prospectus supplement.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

|          | Price to<br>Public<br>(1) | Underwriting<br>Discounts<br>and<br>Commissions | Proceeds to<br>Entergy<br>Mississippi<br>(before<br>expenses) |
|----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|          | %                         | %                                               | %                                                             |
| Per bond | \$                        | \$                                              | \$                                                            |
| Total    | %                         | %                                               | %                                                             |

(1) The price to public will also include any interest that has accrued on the bonds since their issue date if delivered after that date. The underwriters expect to deliver the bonds to purchasers through the book-entry facilities of The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York on or about May , 2016.

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**Citigroup      Mizuho Securities      Scotiabank      US Bancorp**

*Co-Managers*

**Mischler Financial Group, Inc.**

**The Williams Capital Group, L.P.**

May , 2016

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, contain and incorporate by reference information that you should consider when making your investment decision. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than as of the dates of these documents or the dates these documents were filed with the SEC. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since these dates. If the information in this prospectus supplement is different from, or inconsistent with, the information in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in this prospectus supplement. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer or sale of the bonds in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

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## RISK FACTORS

Investing in the bonds involves certain risks. In considering whether to purchase the bonds, you should carefully consider the information we have included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. In particular, you should carefully consider the information under the heading "Risk Factors" as well as the factors listed under the heading "Forward-Looking Information," in each case, contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 (the "2015 Form 10-K") and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2016 (the "First Quarter 2016 Form 10-Q"), each of which is incorporated by reference herein.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information filed by us with the SEC, which means that we can refer you to important information without restating it in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and should be read with the same care. Accordingly, we incorporate by reference the documents listed below along with any future filings that we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, if the filings are made prior to the time that all of the bonds are sold in this offering:

1. the 2015 Form 10-K; and

2. the First Quarter 2016 Form 10-Q.

You may access a copy of any or all of these filings, free of charge, at our website located at <http://www.entergy.com> or by writing or calling us at the following address:

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You may also direct your requests via email to [dbalash@entergy.com](mailto:dbalash@entergy.com). We do not intend our Internet address to be an active link or to otherwise incorporate the contents of the website into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

### SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

You should read our selected financial information set forth below in conjunction with the financial statements and other financial information contained in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The selected financial information set forth below has been derived from (i) our annual financial statements for the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, which have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus from the 2015 Form 10-K, and (ii) our unaudited financial statements for the three months ended and as of March 31, 2016 incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus from the First Quarter 2016 Form 10-Q. The following material, which is presented in this prospectus supplement solely to furnish summary information, is qualified by, and should be considered in conjunction with, the more detailed information appearing in the documents incorporated by reference herein.

|                                                                             | March 31,<br>2016 | For the Twelve Months Ended<br>December 31, |                                 |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
|                                                                             |                   | 2015                                        | 2014                            | 2013           |
| (Dollars in thousands)                                                      |                   |                                             |                                 |                |
| <b>Income Statement Data:</b>                                               |                   |                                             |                                 |                |
| Operating Revenues                                                          | \$ 1,299,216      | \$ 1,396,985                                | \$ 1,524,193                    | \$ 1,334,540   |
| Operating Income                                                            | 198,640           | 211,906                                     | 186,760                         | 190,230        |
| Interest Expense                                                            | 56,444            | 56,198                                      | 55,759                          | 57,492         |
| Net Income                                                                  | 84,891            | 92,708                                      | 74,821                          | 82,159         |
| Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges(1)(2)                                    | 3.37              | 3.59                                        | 3.23                            | 3.19           |
| <br>                                                                        |                   |                                             |                                 |                |
|                                                                             |                   |                                             | <b>As of March 31, 2016 (4)</b> |                |
|                                                                             |                   |                                             | <b>Amount</b>                   | <b>Percent</b> |
|                                                                             |                   |                                             | <b>(Dollars in Thousands)</b>   |                |
| <b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>                                                  |                   |                                             |                                 |                |
| Preferred Stock without sinking fund                                        |                   |                                             | \$ 50,381                       | 2.4%           |
| Common Equity:                                                              |                   |                                             |                                 |                |
| Common Stock                                                                |                   |                                             | 199,326                         | 9.4            |
| Capital Stock Expense and Other                                             |                   |                                             | (690)                           | 0.0            |
| Retained Earnings                                                           |                   |                                             | 829,825                         | 39.0           |
| <br>                                                                        |                   |                                             |                                 |                |
| Total Common Equity                                                         |                   |                                             | 1,028,461                       | 48.4           |
| First Mortgage Bonds (including current maturities)                         |                   |                                             | 1,030,000                       | 48.5           |
| Other Long-Term Debt(3)                                                     |                   |                                             | 30,000                          | 1.4            |
| Unamortized Premium and Discount-Net and<br>Unamortized Debt Issuance Costs |                   |                                             | (14,570)                        | (0.7)          |
| <br>                                                                        |                   |                                             |                                 |                |
| Total Capitalization                                                        |                   |                                             | \$ 2,124,272                    | 100.0%         |

- (1) As defined by Item 503(d) of Regulation S-K of the SEC, Earnings represents the aggregate of (a) income before the cumulative effect of an accounting change, (b) taxes based on income, (c) investment tax credit adjustments net and (d) fixed charges, and Fixed Charges include interest (whether expensed or capitalized), related amortization and estimated interest applicable to rentals charged to operating expenses. We accrue interest expense related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense and do not include it in fixed charges.
- (2) The Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was 2.86.
- (3) Consists of pollution control revenue bonds in the amount of \$30 million that are secured by first mortgage bonds in the amount of \$32.85 million, which do not bear interest additional to that borne by the related pollution control revenue bonds.



- (4) We intend to use a significant portion of the net proceeds we receive from this offering to repay \$330 million in aggregate principal amount of our debt, and, as a result, this offering will not have a material effect on our capitalization. See Use of Proceeds in this prospectus supplement.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

We anticipate our net proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be approximately \$ million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. We intend to use the net proceeds we receive from the issuance and sale of the bonds (i) to repay \$125 million of debt maturing in June 2016, and (ii) to repay prior to maturity \$30 million of 4.90% debt maturing in 2022, \$75 million of 6.0% debt maturing in 2032, and \$100 million of 6.25% debt maturing in 2034. This prospectus supplement shall not constitute a notice of redemption of such debt to be repaid prior to maturity. The remaining proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes. Pending the application of the net proceeds of the bonds, we will invest them in short-term, highly liquid, high-rated money market instruments and/or the Entergy system money pool.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

##### General

The mortgage (as defined in the accompanying prospectus) permits us to issue an unlimited amount of first mortgage bonds from time to time in one or more series, so long as we meet issuance tests set forth in the mortgage, which are generally described in the accompanying prospectus under Description of the New Bonds Issuance of Additional First Mortgage Bonds. All first mortgage bonds of any one series need not be issued at the same time, and a series may be reopened for issuances of additional first mortgage bonds of such series. Thus, we may, from time to time, without notice to or the consent of the existing holders of the bonds, create and issue further first mortgage bonds having the same terms and conditions as the bonds offered hereby in all respects, except for issue date, price to public and, if applicable, the initial interest payment on such first mortgage bonds. Additional first mortgage bonds issued in this manner will be consolidated with, and will form a single series with, the previously outstanding first mortgage bonds of such series.

##### Interest, Maturity and Payment

We are offering \$ million of our First Mortgage Bonds, % Series due , 20 . We will pay interest on the bonds on and of each year, beginning on , 2016. Interest will accrue at the rate of % per year and will start to accrue from the date that the bonds are issued. As long as the bonds are registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company ( DTC ) or its nominee, the record date for interest payable on any interest payment date shall be the close of business on the Business Day (as defined below) immediately preceding such interest payment date. We have agreed to pay interest on any overdue principal and, if such payment is enforceable under applicable law, on any overdue installment of interest on the bonds at a rate of % per year to holders of record at the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding our payment of such interest.

Interest on the bonds will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. If any interest payment date or the maturity date falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the payment due on that interest payment date or the maturity date will be made on the next Business Day, and without any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.

##### Form and Denomination

The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The bonds will be represented by a global certificate without coupons registered in the name of a nominee of DTC.

As long as the bonds are registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, we will pay principal, any premium and interest due on the bonds to DTC. DTC will then make payment to its participants for disbursement to the beneficial owners of the bonds as described in the accompanying prospectus under the heading "Description of the New Bonds - Book-Entry Only Securities."

### Optional Redemption

At any time prior to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (three months prior to the maturity date of the bonds), we may redeem the bonds, in whole or in part, at our option, on not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days notice, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (a) 100% of the principal amount of the bonds being redeemed and (b) as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal of and interest on the bonds being redeemed (excluding the portion of any such interest accrued to the redemption date), discounted (for purposes of determining such present values) to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Adjusted Treasury Rate plus \_\_\_\_\_% plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date.

At any time on or after \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (three months prior to the maturity date of the bonds), we may redeem the bonds, in whole or in part, at our option, on not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the bonds being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date.

If, at the time notice of redemption is given, the redemption monies are not held by the trustee, the redemption may be made subject to receipt of such monies before the date fixed for redemption, and such notice shall be of no effect unless such monies are so received.

We may apply cash we deposit under any provision of the mortgage, with certain exceptions, to the redemption or purchase, including the purchase from us, of first mortgage bonds of any series under our mortgage, including the bonds.

### Certain Definitions

Adjusted Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date:

(1) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15(519) or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities," for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the remaining term of the bonds (assuming, for this purpose, that the bonds mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_), yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue shall be determined and the Adjusted Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month); or

(2) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date for the Adjusted Treasury Rate or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

The Adjusted Treasury Rate shall be calculated on the third Business Day preceding the redemption date.

Business Day means any day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed or a day on which the corporate trust office of the trustee is closed for business.



**Comparable Treasury Issue** means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the bonds (assuming, for this purpose, that the bonds mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ ) that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the bonds (assuming, for this purpose, that the bonds mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ ).

**Comparable Treasury Price** means, with respect to any redemption date, (1) the average of five Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations or (2) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations.

**Independent Investment Banker** means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers that we appoint to act as the Independent Investment Banker from time to time or, if any of such firms is unwilling or unable to select the Comparable Treasury Issue, an independent investment banking institution of national standing appointed by us.

**Reference Treasury Dealer** means (1) Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Mizuho Securities USA Inc., Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. and a Primary Treasury Dealer (as defined below) selected by U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., or, in each case, an affiliate thereof, and their respective successors; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a **Primary Treasury Dealer** ), we will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer, and (2) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Independent Investment Banker after consultation with us.

**Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations** means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 5:00 p.m. on the third Business Day preceding such redemption date.

#### **Dividend Covenant**

We will not enter into a dividend covenant with respect to the bonds; however, so long as certain of the first mortgage bonds we have issued prior to the date hereof remain outstanding, holders of the bonds offered herein will indirectly benefit from our covenant relating to those outstanding first mortgage bonds to restrict our payment of cash dividends on our common stock in certain circumstances.

#### **Issuance of Additional First Mortgage Bonds**

See **Description of the New Bonds Issuance of Additional First Mortgage Bonds** in the accompanying prospectus for a description of the bases upon which we are permitted to issue first mortgage bonds under our mortgage and related requirements for such issuance. As of March 31, 2016, we could have issued approximately \$421 million principal amount of first mortgage bonds on the basis of retired first mortgage bonds, and we had approximately \$1.251 billion of unfunded property additions, entitling us to issue approximately \$876 million principal amount of first mortgage bonds on the basis of property additions. Based upon our results of operations for the twelve months ended March 31, 2016, if we were to make an application for authentication and delivery of first mortgage bonds as of the date of this prospectus supplement, solely based on the earnings coverage test described in the fourth paragraph under **Description of the New Bonds Issuance of Additional First Mortgage Bonds** in the accompanying prospectus (and, therefore, not taking into account the property additions and retired first mortgage bond issuance limitations), we could issue approximately \$970.3 million in principal amount of first mortgage bonds, in addition to the amount of first mortgage bonds then outstanding (assuming an interest rate of 5% for additional first mortgage bonds). Such amount will be affected by the issuance of the bonds and by subsequent net earnings. First mortgage bonds in a greater amount may also be issued for the refunding of outstanding first mortgage bonds. The bonds will be issued on the basis of property additions.

**Reservation of Rights to Amend the Mortgage**

In addition to the reservations of rights to amend the mortgage described under "Description of the New Bonds" in the accompanying prospectus, we have reserved the right to amend the mortgage without the consent or other action by the holders of the bonds or any subsequently created series of first mortgage bonds as follows:

1. to remove the earnings coverage test described in the fourth paragraph under "Description of the New Bonds" "Issuance of Additional First Mortgage Bonds" in the accompanying prospectus, including all provisions of the mortgage that require a net earning certificate, whether as a condition precedent to the authentication and delivery of bonds or otherwise;
2. to revise the definition of "excepted encumbrances" to mean the following:

tax liens, assessments and other governmental charges or requirements which are not delinquent or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or of which at least ten business days notice has not been given to our general counsel or to such other person designated by us to receive such notices;

mechanics', workmen's, repairmen's, materialmen's, warehousemen's and carriers' liens, other liens incident to construction, liens or privileges of any of our employees for salary or wages earned, but not yet payable, and other liens, including without limitation liens for worker's compensation awards, arising in the ordinary course of business for charges or requirements which are not delinquent or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or of which at least ten business days notice has not been given to our general counsel or to such other person designated by us to receive such notices;

specified judgment liens and prepaid liens;

easements, leases, reservations or other rights of others (including governmental entities) in, and defects of title in, our property;

liens securing indebtedness or other obligations relating to real property we acquired for specified transmission, distribution or communication purposes or for the purpose of obtaining rights-of-way;

specified leases and leasehold, license, franchise and permit interests;

liens resulting from law, rules, regulations, orders or rights of governmental authorities and specified liens required by law or governmental regulations;

liens to secure public or statutory obligations;

rights of others to take minerals, timber, electric energy or capacity, gas, water, steam or other products produced by us or by others on our property;

rights and interests of persons other than us arising out of agreements relating to the common ownership or joint use of property, and liens on the interests of those persons in the property;

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restrictions on assignment and/or requirements of any assignee to qualify as a permitted assignee and/or public utility or public services corporation; and

liens which have been bonded for the full amount in dispute or for the payment of which other adequate security arrangements have been made;

3. to allow us, without any release or consent by the trustee, to cancel or make changes or alterations in or substitutions for any and all easements, servitudes, rights-of-way and similar rights and/or interests;
4. to provide that a statutory merger pursuant to which our assets and liabilities are allocated to one or more entities shall not be considered to be a merger subject to the provisions of the mortgage relating to a merger, consolidation or conveyance of all or substantially all of the mortgaged property unless all of our assets and liabilities are allocated to an entity other than us and we do not survive such statutory merger; in all other cases of a statutory merger pursuant to which any mortgaged property is allocated to one or more entities other than us,

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each allocation of any mortgaged property to an entity other than us shall be deemed, for purposes of the mortgage, to be a transfer of such mortgaged property to such entity and not a merger;

5. to provide that any conveyance, transfer or lease of any of our properties where we retain mortgaged property with a fair value in excess of 143% of the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding first mortgage bonds, and any other outstanding debt secured by a purchase money lien that ranks equally with, or senior to, the first mortgage bonds with respect to the mortgaged property, shall not be deemed to be a conveyance, transfer or lease of all or substantially all of our mortgaged property. This fair value will be determined within 90 days of the conveyance, transfer or lease by an independent expert that we select;
6. to provide that, in the case of a consolidation or merger after the consummation of which we would be the surviving or resulting entity, unless we otherwise provide in a supplemental indenture to the mortgage, the lien of the mortgage will generally not cover any of the properties acquired by us in or as a result of such transaction or any improvements, extensions or additions to those properties; and
7. to provide that, so long as no event of default or event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an event of default has occurred and is continuing and except with respect to a trustee appointed by act of the holders, if we have delivered to the trustee a board resolution appointing a successor trustee and the successor has accepted the appointment in accordance with the terms of the mortgage, the trustee will be deemed to have resigned and the successor will be deemed to have been appointed as trustee in accordance with the mortgage.

Each initial and future holder of the bonds, by its acquisition of an interest in such bonds, will irrevocably (a) consent to the amendments to the mortgage listed above and the amendments described under *Description of the New Bonds* in the accompanying prospectus, without any other or further action by any holder of such bonds, and (b) designate the trustee, and its successors, as its proxy with irrevocable instructions to vote and deliver written consents on behalf of such holder in favor of such amendments at any meeting of bondholders, in lieu of any meeting of bondholders, in response to any consent solicitation or otherwise.

#### **Release of Obligations under Bonds upon Transfer of All or Substantially All Mortgaged Property**

If we transfer as an entirety all or substantially all of our mortgaged property to a successor, the successor will assume all of our obligations under the bonds and we may be released of all such obligations.

#### **Additional Information**

For additional information about the bonds, see *Description of the New Bonds* in the accompanying prospectus, including:

1. additional information about the terms of the bonds, including security,
2. general information about our mortgage and the trustee,
3. a description of certain reservations of rights to amend the mortgage,
4. a description of certain restrictions contained in our mortgage, and
5. a description of events of default under our mortgage.

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**UNDERWRITING**

Under the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, dated the date of this prospectus supplement, we have agreed to sell to each of the underwriters named below, and each of the underwriters has severally agreed to purchase, the principal amounts of bonds set forth opposite its name below:

| Name                             | Principal<br>Amount of<br>Bonds |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Citigroup Global Markets Inc.    | \$                              |
| Mizuho Securities USA Inc.       |                                 |
| Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.        |                                 |
| U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.   |                                 |
| Mischler Financial Group, Inc.   |                                 |
| The Williams Capital Group, L.P. |                                 |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$</b>                       |

Under the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, the underwriters have committed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, to take and pay for all of the bonds if any are taken, provided, that under certain circumstances involving a default of an underwriter, less than all of the bonds may be purchased. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

The underwriters initially propose to offer all or part of the bonds directly to the public at the price to public set forth on the cover page hereof and may offer the bonds to certain securities dealers at such price less a concession not in excess of % of the principal amount of the bonds. The underwriters may allow, and such dealers may reallow to certain brokers and dealers, a concession not in excess of % of the principal amount of the bonds. After the initial offering of the bonds, the offering price and other selling terms may from time to time be varied by the underwriters.

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

We estimate that our total expenses for this offering will be \$530,000 excluding underwriting discounts and commissions.

The bonds will constitute a new class of securities with no established trading market. We cannot assure you as to (1) the liquidity of any such market that may develop, (2) the ability of holders of bonds to sell their bonds or (3) the price at which the holders of bonds would be able to sell their bonds. If such a market develops, the bonds could trade at prices that may be higher or lower than their principal amount or purchase price, depending on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, the market for similar debt securities and our business, results of operations, financial condition or prospects. We do not intend to apply for listing of the bonds on any securities exchange or for inclusion of the bonds in any automated quotation system.

In order to facilitate the offering of the bonds, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the bonds. Specifically, they may over-allot in connection with the offering, creating a short position in the bonds for their own accounts. In addition, to cover over-allotments or to stabilize the price of the bonds, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, the bonds in the open market. Finally, the underwriters may reclaim selling concessions allowed to dealers for distributing the bonds in the offering, if they repurchase previously distributed bonds in transactions to cover short positions established by

them, in stabilization transactions or otherwise. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the bonds above independent market levels. The underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, the underwriters and certain of their affiliates have in the past and may in the future engage in investment banking, commercial banking or other transactions of a financial nature with us and our affiliates, for which they have received, or may receive, customary compensation. Certain of the underwriters, either directly or through affiliates, are lenders under certain Entergy System credit facilities.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

#### **EXPERTS**

The financial statements and the related financial statement schedule as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015, incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus from the 2015 Form 10-K have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

PROSPECTUS

**FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS**  
**ENTERGY MISSISSIPPI, INC.**

**308 East Pearl Street**

**Jackson, Mississippi 39201**

**(601) 368-5000**

**We**

may periodically offer our first mortgage bonds in one or more series; and

will determine the price and other terms of each series of first mortgage bonds when sold, including whether any series will be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

**The First Mortgage Bonds**

will be secured by a mortgage that constitutes a first mortgage lien on substantially all of our property; and

will not be listed on a national securities exchange unless otherwise indicated in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

**You**

will receive interest payments in the amounts and on the dates specified in an accompanying prospectus supplement.

*This prospectus may be used to offer and sell series of first mortgage bonds only if accompanied by the prospectus supplements for those series. We will provide the specific information for those offerings and the specific terms of those first mortgage bonds, including their offering prices, interest rates and maturities, in supplements to this prospectus. The supplements may also add, update or change the information in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any supplements carefully before you invest.*

***Investing in the first mortgage bonds offered by this prospectus involves risks. See Risk Factors on page 2.***

***Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.***

*We may offer the first mortgage bonds directly or through underwriters, agents or dealers. Each prospectus supplement will provide the terms of the plan of distribution for the related series of first mortgage bonds.*

**The date of this prospectus is August 30, 2013.**



## **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in the first mortgage bonds involves certain risks. In considering whether to purchase the first mortgage bonds being offered by this prospectus (the New Bonds), you should carefully consider the information we have included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. In particular, you should carefully consider the information under the heading Risk Factors as well as the factors listed under the heading Forward-Looking Information, in each case, contained in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2013, and June 30, 2013, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

## **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) as a majority-owned subsidiary of Entergy Corporation, which is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act). By utilizing a shelf registration statement, we may sell, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings, the New Bonds described in this prospectus. This prospectus provides a general description of the New Bonds being offered. Each time we sell a series of New Bonds we will provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of that series of New Bonds and the related offering. It is important for you to consider the information contained in this prospectus, the related prospectus supplement and the exhibits to the registration statement, together with the additional information referenced under the heading Where You Can Find More Information in making your investment decision.

For more detailed information about the New Bonds, you can read the exhibits to the registration statement. Those exhibits have been either filed with the registration statement or incorporated by reference to earlier SEC filings listed in the registration statement.

## **ENTERGY MISSISSIPPI, INC.**

We are a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi. Our principal executive offices are located at 308 East Pearl Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Our telephone number is 1-601-368-5000. We are an electric public utility company providing service to customers in the State of Mississippi since 1923. We currently serve approximately 440,000 customers in the State of Mississippi.

We are owned by Entergy Corporation. The other major public utilities owned, directly or indirectly, by Entergy Corporation are Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C., Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Entergy New Orleans, Inc. and Entergy Texas, Inc. Entergy Corporation also owns all of the common stock of System Energy Resources, Inc., the principal asset of which is its interest in the Grand Gulf Electric Generating Station (Grand Gulf), Entergy Operations, Inc., a nuclear management services company, and Entergy Services, Inc., an administrative services company from which we buy services.

Capacity and energy from Grand Gulf are allocated among Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Entergy New Orleans, Inc. and us under a unit power sales agreement. Our allocated share of Grand Gulf's capacity and energy together with related costs is 33%. Payments we make under the unit power sales agreement are generally recovered through rates set by the Mississippi Public Service Commission, which regulates our electric service, rates and charges. We are also subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The information above is only a summary and is not complete. You should read the incorporated documents listed under the heading Where You Can Find More Information for more specific information concerning our business and affairs, including significant contingencies, significant factors and known trends, our general capital requirements, our financing plans and capabilities, and pending legal and regulatory proceedings, including the status of industry restructuring in our service area.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ), and therefore are required to file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our filings are available to the public on the Internet at the SEC's website located at ( <http://www.sec.gov> ). You may read and copy any document that we file with the SEC at the SEC public reference room located at:

100 F Street, N.E.

Room 1580

Washington, D.C. 20549-1004.

Call the SEC at 1-800-732-0330 for more information about the public reference room and how to request documents.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information filed by us with the SEC, which means we can refer you to important information without restating it in this prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, along with any future filings that we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus and until the offerings contemplated by this prospectus are completed or terminated:

1. our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012;
2. our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2013, and June 30, 2013; and
3. our current report on Form 8-K dated June 21, 2013 (filed June 27, 2013).

You may access a copy of any or all of these filings, free of charge, at our web site, which is located at [http:// www.entergy.com](http://www.entergy.com) , or by writing or calling us at the following address:

Ms. Dawn A. Balash

Assistant Secretary

Entergy Mississippi, Inc.

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(504) 576-6755

You may also direct your requests via e-mail to [dbalash@entergy.com](mailto:dbalash@entergy.com). We do not intend our Internet address to be an active link or to otherwise incorporate the contents of the website into this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement. We have not, nor have any underwriters, dealers or agents, authorized anyone else to provide you with different information about us or the New Bonds. We are not, nor are any underwriters, dealers or agents, making an offer of the New Bonds in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents or that the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement are accurate as of any date other than the date those documents were filed with the SEC. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since these dates.



**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

We have calculated ratios of earnings to fixed charges pursuant to Item 503 of Regulation S-K of the SEC as follows:

| Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |      | Twelve Months Ended<br>December 31, |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| 2013                         | 2012 | 2012                                | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
| 2.77                         | 2.47 | 2.79                                | 3.55 | 3.35 | 3.31 | 2.92 |

Earnings represent the aggregate of (1) income before the cumulative effect of an accounting change, (2) taxes based on income, (3) investment tax credit adjustments-net and (4) fixed charges. Fixed Charges include interest (whether expensed or capitalized), related amortization and estimated interest applicable to rentals charged to operating expenses. We accrue interest expense related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense and do not include it in fixed charges.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Except as otherwise described in a prospectus supplement, the net proceeds from the offering of the New Bonds will be used either (a) to repurchase or redeem one or more series of our outstanding securities on their stated due dates or in some cases prior to their stated due dates or (b) for other general corporate purposes. The specific purposes for the proceeds of a particular series of New Bonds or the specific securities, if any, to be acquired or redeemed with the proceeds of a particular series of New Bonds will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW BONDS**

We will issue the New Bonds offered by this prospectus from time to time in one or more series under one or more separate supplemental indentures to the Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of February 1, 1988, with The Bank of New York Mellon, successor trustee (the trustee). This Mortgage and Deed of Trust, as it has heretofore been and may be amended or supplemented from time to time, is referred to in this prospectus as the mortgage. All first mortgage bonds issued or to be issued under the mortgage, including the New Bonds offered by this prospectus, are referred to herein as first mortgage bonds.

The statements in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement concerning the New Bonds and the mortgage are not comprehensive and are subject to the detailed provisions of the mortgage. The mortgage and a form of supplemental indenture are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. You should read these documents for provisions that may be important to you. The mortgage has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. You should refer to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 for provisions that apply to the New Bonds. Wherever particular provisions or defined terms in the mortgage are referred to under this heading Description of the New Bonds, those provisions or defined terms are incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

**General**

The mortgage permits us to issue first mortgage bonds from time to time in an unlimited aggregate amount subject to the limitations described under Issuance of Additional First Mortgage Bonds. All first mortgage bonds of any one series need not be issued at the same time, and a series may be reopened for issuances of additional first mortgage bonds of that series. This means that we may from time to time, without the consent of the existing holders of the first mortgage bonds of any series, including the New Bonds, create and issue additional first mortgage bonds of a series having the same terms and conditions as the previously issued first mortgage bonds of that series in all respects, except for issue date, issue price and, if applicable, the initial interest payment on those additional first mortgage bonds. Additional first mortgage bonds issued in this manner will be consolidated with and will form a single series with, the previously issued first mortgage bonds of that series. For more information, see the discussion below under Issuance of Additional First Mortgage Bonds.

***Terms of Specific Series of the New Bonds***

The prospectus supplement relating to each series of New Bonds offered by this prospectus will include a description of the specific terms relating to the offering of that series. These terms will include any of the following terms that apply to that series:

1. the designation, or name, of the series of New Bonds;
2. the aggregate principal amount of the series;
3. the offering price of the series;
4. the date on which the series will mature;
5. the rate or method for determining the rate at which the series will bear interest;
6. the date from which interest on the series accrues;
7. the dates on which interest on the series will be payable;
8. the prices and other terms and conditions upon which we may redeem the series prior to maturity;
9. the applicability of the dividend covenant described below to the series;
10. the terms of an insurance policy, if any, that will be provided for the payment of principal of and/or interest on the series;
11. the rights, if any, of a holder to elect repayment; and
12. any other terms or provisions relating to that series that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the mortgage.

As of June 30, 2013, we had approximately \$1,074 million principal amount of first mortgage bonds outstanding.

***Payment***

The New Bonds and interest thereon will be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that at the time of payment is legal tender at the corporate trust office of the trustee in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York. See [Book-Entry Only Securities](#) for additional information relating to payment on the New Bonds.

***Redemption and Retirement***

The prospectus supplement for a particular series of New Bonds offered by this prospectus will contain the prices and other terms and conditions, if any, for redemption of that series prior to maturity.

*Form and Exchange*

The New Bonds will be fully-registered bonds without coupons. See Book-Entry Only Securities. The New Bonds will be exchangeable for other New Bonds of the same series in equal aggregate principal amounts. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of the New Bonds. However, we may require payment to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with a registration, transfer or exchange. We will not be required to provide for the transfer or exchange of any New Bond.

1. during the 15 days before an interest payment date (unless such New Bond has a record date for the payment of interest),
2. during the 15 days before giving any notice of redemption, or
3. selected for redemption.

**Security**

The New Bonds, together with all other first mortgage bonds outstanding now or in the future under the mortgage, will be secured by the mortgage. The mortgage constitutes a first mortgage lien on substantially all of our property subject to bankruptcy law and:

1. minor defects and encumbrances customarily found in similar properties that do not materially impair the use of the property in the conduct of our business;
2. other liens, defects and encumbrances, if any, existing or created at the time of our acquisition of the property; and
3. excepted encumbrances.

The mortgage does not create a lien on the following excepted property :

1. cash and securities;
2. all merchandise, equipment, apparatus, materials or supplies held for sale or other disposition in the usual course of business or consumable during use;
3. automobiles, vehicles and aircraft, timber, minerals, mineral rights and royalties; and
4. accounts receivable, contracts, leases and operating agreements.

The mortgage contains provisions that impose the lien of the mortgage on property we acquire after the date of the mortgage, other than the excepted property, subject to pre-existing liens. However, if we consolidate or merge with, or sell substantially all of our assets to, another corporation, the lien created by the mortgage will generally not cover the property of the successor company, other than the property it acquires from us and improvements, replacements and additions to that property.

We have reserved the right to amend the mortgage without the consent or other action of the holders of any of the first mortgage bonds created after November 30, 2012, to provide that, if we transfer as an entirety all or substantially all of our mortgaged property to a successor, the successor will assume all of our obligations under the mortgage and we may be released of all such obligations.

The mortgage also provides that the trustee has a lien on the mortgaged property to ensure the payment of its reasonable compensation, expenses and disbursements and for indemnity against certain liabilities. This lien takes priority over the lien securing the first mortgage bonds, including the New Bonds.

***Issuance of Additional First Mortgage Bonds***

Subject to the issuance restrictions described below, the aggregate principal amount of first mortgage bonds that we can issue under the mortgage is unlimited. First mortgage bonds of any series may be issued from time to time on the basis of:

1. 70% of property additions after adjustments to offset retirements;
2. retirements of first mortgage bonds; or

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3. deposit of cash with the trustee.

Property additions generally include, among other things, electric, gas, steam or hot water property acquired after December 31, 1987. Securities, automobiles, vehicles or aircraft, or property used principally for the production or gathering of natural gas, are not included as property additions. Deposited cash may be withdrawn upon the bases stated in clause (1) or (2) above.

As of June 30, 2013, we could have issued approximately \$727 million of additional first mortgage bonds on the basis of net property additions and approximately \$310 million on the basis of retired first mortgage bonds.



With certain exceptions in the case of clause (2) above, the issuance of first mortgage bonds must meet an earnings test. The adjusted net earnings, before income taxes, for 12 consecutive months of the preceding 18 months, must be at least twice the annual interest requirements on all first mortgage bonds outstanding at the time, including the additional first mortgage bonds to be issued, plus all indebtedness, if any, of prior rank. In general, interest on variable interest rate bonds, if any, is calculated using the average rate in effect during such 12-month period. Based upon the results of our operations for the twelve months ended June 30, 2013, if we were to make an application for authentication and delivery of first mortgage bonds as of the date of this prospectus, solely based on the earnings coverage test (and, therefore not taking into account the property additions and retired bond issuance limitations), we could issue approximately \$702 million in principal amount of first mortgage bonds, in addition to the amount of first mortgage bonds then outstanding (assuming an interest rate of 5% for additional first mortgage bonds). Such amount will be affected by the issuance of any additional first mortgage bonds, including the New Bonds, and the retirement of existing first mortgage bonds with the proceeds of the New Bonds and by subsequent net earnings. New Bonds in a greater amount may also be issued for the refunding of outstanding first mortgage bonds.

The mortgage contains restrictions on the issuance of first mortgage bonds against property subject to liens.

Other than the security afforded by the lien of the mortgage and restrictions on the issuance of additional first mortgage bonds described above, there are no provisions of the mortgage that grant the holders of the first mortgage bonds protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving us.

#### ***Release and Substitution of Property***

Property may be released from the lien of the mortgage without applying any earnings test, on the following bases:

1. the deposit with the trustee of cash or, to a limited extent, purchase money mortgages;
2. the lower of cost or fair value to us of unfunded property additions designated by us, after adjustments in certain cases to offset retirements and after making adjustments for certain prior lien bonds, if any, outstanding against property additions; or
3. a waiver by us of our right to issue a specified principal amount of first mortgage bonds.

Property owned by us on December 31, 1987, may be released from the lien of the mortgage at its depreciated book value on December 31, 1987; all other property may be released at its cost, as defined in the mortgage. Unfunded property may also be released without applying any earnings test or complying with clauses (1), (2) or (3) above if, after its release, we would have at least one dollar of unfunded property that remains subject to the lien of the mortgage.

We can withdraw cash upon the bases stated in clauses (2) and/or (3) above.

We have reserved the right to amend the mortgage without the consent or other action of the holders of any of the first mortgage bonds created after November 30, 2012, to permit the release or substitution of property from the lien of the mortgage on the following bases:

1. mortgaged property may be released in an amount equal to the principal amount of the retired first mortgage bonds that we elect to use as the basis for such release times the reciprocal of the bonding ratio in effect at the time such retired first mortgage bonds were originally issued;
2. existing limitations on the amount of obligations secured by purchase money mortgages upon property released will be eliminated such that the property can be released; and
3. Funded Property shall mean only property specified by us with a fair value, to be determined by an independent expert, of not less than 10/7ths of the sum of the amount of the outstanding first mortgage bonds and retired bond credits.



***Dividend Covenant***

The terms of certain of our outstanding series of first mortgage bonds include our covenant to restrict our payment of cash dividends on our common stock in certain circumstances. Any dividend covenant applicable to a series of New Bonds will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series of New Bonds. There is no assurance that the terms of future dividend covenants, if any, will be the same as those applicable to our outstanding first mortgage bonds.

***Modification***

Your rights as a bondholder may be modified with the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the first mortgage bonds, or, if less than all series of first mortgage bonds are adversely affected, with the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the first mortgage bonds adversely affected. In general, no modification is effective against any bondholder without that bondholder's consent if it:

1. affects the terms of payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest;
2. affects the lien of the mortgage; or
3. reduces the percentage required for modification.

We have reserved the right to amend the mortgage without the consent or action of any of the holders of first mortgage bonds created after November 30, 2012 to permit us to amend the mortgage without the consent of the holders of first mortgage bonds to make changes which do not adversely affect the interests of the holders in any material respect.

***Defaults and Notices Thereof***

Defaults under the mortgage include:

1. default in the payment of principal;
2. default for 30 days in the payment of interest;
3. certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization;
4. defaults under a supplemental indenture; and
5. default in other covenants for 90 days after notice (unless we have in good faith commenced efforts to perform the covenant).

The trustee may withhold notice of default, except in payment of principal, interest or funds for purchase or redemption of first mortgage bonds, if the trustee in good faith determines it is in the interests of the holders of first mortgage bonds.

The trustee or the holders of 25% of the first mortgage bonds may declare the principal and interest due and payable on default. However, a majority of the holders may annul such declaration if the default has been cured. No holder of first mortgage bonds may enforce the lien of the mortgage without giving the trustee written notice of a default and unless

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1. the holders of 25% of the first mortgage bonds have requested the trustee in writing to act, offered the trustee reasonable opportunity to act and indemnity satisfactory to the trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred thereby; and

2. the trustee shall have failed to act within 60 days of such request.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the first mortgage bonds may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceedings for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee. The trustee is not required to risk its funds or incur personal liability if there is reasonable ground for believing that repayment is not reasonably assured.

***Evidence to be Furnished to the Trustee***

Compliance with the mortgage provisions is evidenced by written statements of our officers or persons we select or pay. In certain cases, opinions of counsel and certifications of an engineer, accountant, appraiser or other expert (who in some cases must be independent) must be furnished. We must give the trustee an annual certificate as to whether or not we have fulfilled our obligations under the mortgage throughout the preceding year.

***Satisfaction and Discharge of Mortgage***

After we provide for the payment of all of the first mortgage bonds (including the New Bonds) and after paying all other sums due under the mortgage, the mortgage may be satisfied and discharged. The first mortgage bonds will be deemed to have been paid when money or Eligible Obligations (as defined below) sufficient to pay the first mortgage bonds (in the opinion of an independent accountant in the case of Eligible Obligations) at maturity or upon redemption have been irrevocably set apart or deposited with the trustee, provided that the trustee shall have received an opinion of counsel to the effect that the setting apart or deposit does not require registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, does not violate any applicable laws and does not result in a taxable event with respect to the holders of the first mortgage bonds prior to the time of their right to receive payment. Eligible Obligations means obligations of the United States of America that do not permit the redemption thereof at the issuer's option.

***Information about the Trustee***

The trustee will be The Bank of New York Mellon. In addition to acting as trustee, The Bank of New York Mellon also acts, and may act, as trustee under various other of our and our affiliates' indentures, trusts and guarantees. We and our affiliates maintain deposit accounts and credit and liquidity facilities and conduct other banking transactions with the trustee and its affiliates in the ordinary course of our respective businesses.

***Book-Entry Only Securities***

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the New Bonds will trade through The Depository Trust Company (DTC). Each series of New Bonds will be represented by one or more global certificates and registered in the name of Cede & Co., DTC's nominee. Upon issuance of the global certificates, DTC or its nominee will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the principal amount of the New Bonds represented by such global certificates to the accounts of institutions that have an account with DTC or its participants. The accounts to be credited shall be designated by the underwriters. Ownership of beneficial interests in the global certificates will be limited to participants or persons that may hold interests through participants. The global certificates will be deposited with the trustee as custodian for DTC.

DTC is a New York clearing corporation and a clearing agency registered under Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities for its participants. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement of securities transactions among its participants through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges in the participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. The participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Others who maintain a custodial relationship with a participant can use the DTC system. The rules that apply to DTC and those using its systems are on file with the SEC.

Purchases of the New Bonds within the DTC system must be made through participants, who will receive a credit for the New Bonds on DTC's records. The beneficial ownership interest of each purchaser will be recorded on the appropriate participant's records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchases, but beneficial owners should receive written confirmations of the transactions, as well as

periodic statements of their holdings, from the participants through whom they purchased New Bonds. Transfers of ownership in the New Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of the participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates for their New Bonds of a series, except if use of the book-entry system for the New Bonds of that series is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all New Bonds deposited by participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of the New Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. effects no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the New Bonds. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the participants to whose accounts such New Bonds are credited. These participants may or may not be the beneficial owners. Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to participants, and by participants to beneficial owners, will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial owners of New Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the New Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults and proposed amendments to the mortgage. Beneficial owners of the New Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the New Bonds has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to the beneficial owners.

Redemption notices will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the New Bonds of a series are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of New Bonds of such series held by each participant to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. will itself consent or vote with respect to New Bonds, unless authorized by a participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC would mail an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns the consenting or voting rights of Cede & Co. to those participants to whose accounts the New Bonds are credited on the record date.

Payments of redemption proceeds, principal of, and interest on the New Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by DTC. DTC's practice is to credit participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us or our agent, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices. Payments will be the responsibility of participants and not of DTC, the trustee, or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by DTC) is our responsibility. Disbursement of payments to participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of participants.

Except as provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, a beneficial owner will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of the New Bonds. Accordingly, each beneficial owner must rely on the procedures of DTC to exercise any rights under the New Bonds.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the New Bonds at any time by giving us reasonable notice. In the event no successor securities depository is obtained, certificates for the New Bonds will be printed and delivered. We may decide to replace DTC or any successor depository. Additionally, subject to the procedures of DTC, we may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor depository) with respect to some or all of the New Bonds. In that event or if an event of default with respect to a series of New Bonds has occurred and is continuing, certificates for the New Bonds of such series will be printed and delivered. If certificates for such series of New Bonds are printed and delivered,

those New Bonds will be issued in fully registered form without coupons;

a holder of certificated New Bonds would be able to exchange those New Bonds, without charge, for an equal aggregate principal amount of New Bonds of the same series, having the same issue date and with identical terms and provisions; and

a holder of certificated New Bonds would be able to transfer those New Bonds without cost to another holder, other than for applicable stamp taxes or other governmental charges.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we do not take any responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

#### **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

##### ***Methods and Terms of Sale***

We may use a variety of methods to sell the New Bonds including:

1. through one or more underwriters or dealers;
2. directly to one or more purchasers;
3. through one or more agents; or
4. through a combination of any such methods of sale.

The prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of the New Bonds will set forth the terms of the offering of the New Bonds, including:

1. the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and any syndicate of underwriters;
2. the initial public offering price;
3. any underwriting discounts and other items constituting underwriters' compensation;
4. the proceeds we receive from that sale; and
5. any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid by any underwriters to dealers.

##### ***Underwriters***

If we sell the New Bonds through underwriters, they will acquire the New Bonds for their own account and may resell them from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The underwriters for a particular underwritten offering of New Bonds will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if an underwriting syndicate is used, the managing underwriter or underwriters will be named on the cover page of the applicable prospectus supplement. In connection with the sale of New Bonds, the underwriters may receive compensation from us or from purchasers in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase New Bonds will be subject to certain conditions. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the New Bonds of a particular series if any are purchased. However, the underwriters may purchase less than all of the New Bonds of a particular series should certain circumstances involving a default of one or more underwriters occur.

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The initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers by any underwriters may be changed from time to time.

### *Stabilizing Transactions*

Underwriters may engage in stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions in accordance with Rule 104 under the Exchange Act. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying New Bond so



long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the New Bonds in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. These stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions may cause the price of the New Bonds to be higher than it would otherwise be if such transactions had not occurred.

***Agents***

If we sell the New Bonds through agents, the applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the name of any agent involved in the offer or sale of the New Bonds as well as any commissions we will pay to them. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

***Related Transactions***

Underwriters, dealers and agents (or their affiliates) may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us or our affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

***Indemnification***

We will agree to indemnify any underwriters, dealers, agents or purchasers and their controlling persons against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

***Listing***

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the New Bonds will not be listed on a national securities exchange or the Nasdaq Stock Market. No assurance can be given that any broker-dealer will make a market in any series of the New Bonds and, in any event, no assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for any of the New Bonds.

**EXPERTS**

The financial statements, and the related financial statement schedule as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, incorporated in this prospectus by reference from Entergy Mississippi, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the effectiveness of Entergy Mississippi, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

**LEGALITY**

The legality of the New Bonds will be passed upon for us by Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, New York, New York, as to matters of New York law, and Wise Carter Child & Caraway, Professional Association, Jackson, Mississippi, as to matters of Mississippi law. Certain legal matters with respect to the offering of the New Bonds will be passed on for any underwriters by Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, New York, New York. Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP regularly represents our affiliates in connection with various matters. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP may rely on the opinion of Wise Carter Child & Caraway, Professional Association, as to matters of Mississippi law relevant to its opinion.