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**FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER LAUREN "BUBBA" MCDONALD, JR.**

### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **McDonald Named to Executive Committee of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition**

Atlanta, August 1, 2013 – Commissioner Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Jr. has been named to the Executive Committee of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition (NWSC), an ad hoc organization representing the collective interests of state utility regulators, state attorneys general, consumer advocates, electric utilities, local governments, tribes, and associate members on nuclear waste policy matters. The NWSC announced the appointment during the recent National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) summer committee meetings in Denver, Colorado. McDonald will join five other regulators and industry executives on the NWSC Executive Committee, which sets policy for the Coalition.

"I am honored to be named to the NWSC Executive Panel where I can take a direct role in seeing that the federal government fulfills its promise to dispose of the nation's nuclear waste. Georgia ratepayers have contributed over a billion dollars since 1982 to build a nuclear waste repository but to date we have little to show for it," said McDonald. "The federal government needs to move forward and keep the promise made to the public many years ago, to establish a safe repository for nuclear waste" McDonald added.

In 1993, three states established the NWSC in response to the lack of progress by the federal government to support the timely removal of civilian radioactive waste from nuclear power plants. While the membership has grown to include a number of entities who share this concern, the Coalition's primary focus remains the same – to protect electric ratepayer payments into the Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF) and to support the removal and ultimate disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste currently stranded at numerous sites across the nation.

McDonald is also the Vice-Chairman of the Nuclear Waste Disposal Subcommittee NARUC. Commissioner McDonald is in the fifth year of his six-year term on the Georgia Public Service Commission after having been elected in December 2008. He previously served on the Commission from 1998 to 2002. Prior to his time on the Commission, McDonald served 20 years in the Georgia General Assembly where he chaired the House Appropriations Committee



Commissioner McDonald's full biography can be found on the Commission web site at <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/pscinfo/bios/mcdonald.asp>.

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