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**From The Office of Commissioner Doug Everett**

### **Statement from Commissioner Doug Everett on Atlanta Gas Light Filing of Compressed Natural Gas Plan**

Atlanta, May 12, 2011 - Last summer, I called on Atlanta Gas Light Company to develop a plan to stimulate investment in compressed natural gas vehicles and CNG fueling stations throughout Georgia. I believed then and continue to believe now that Georgia will attain many long term benefits from investing in CNG infrastructure. Georgia has the opportunity to become the leading state in the Southeast by establishing a statewide CNG network. Also, investing \$11 million from the USF can produce an additional \$10 million – \$20 million in private investment in CNG stations, and significantly more as fleets add new CNG vehicles. Use of the USF to stimulate private investment in fleets and stations is one more step this commission should consider to help improve Georgia's recessed economy.

There is a current one-time surplus in the Universal Service Fund which can be used to seed important private investment while placing no additional costs on AGL's current customers.

While I shall withhold passing judgment on the plan filed by Atlanta Gas Light today, I am very pleased that the process we began last September has resulted in a significant level of interest from the potential CNG retailers, fleet owners and the general public. Following a thorough examination of this proposal, I am confident we can begin to see investments being made in Georgia by the end of 2011.

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