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PSC Commissioner H. Doug Everett Wants Georgia to be a Leader in CNG Fueling Stations for Commercial and Passenger Vehicles

Atlanta, July 29, 2010 – Today, Commissioner H. Doug Everett challenged Atlanta Gas Light Company to develop a proposal to construct the infrastructure for a network of compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling stations to be operated by retailers here in Georgia. His statement follows:

“Yesterday, AGL Resources announced a joint venture with El Paso Corporation to distribute LNG across the southeastern U.S. for use in long-haul commercial fleets. 25% of the nation’s tractor trailer traffic occurs in the Southeast where AGL and El Paso have infrastructure.

There have also been other developments in the advancement of use of natural gas as a transportation fuel. Last summer, T. Boone Pickens’ company, Clean Energy, opened a CNG refueling station down by the airport. This past April, AT&T made a commitment to deploy 8,000 CNG fleet vehicles across the country. And on the heels of the BP oil spill in the Gulf, there is renewed interest in using CNG for passenger vehicles.

Just this week Democratic leaders in Congress announced their new energy bill and it includes \$4 billion in incentives for natural gas vehicles. The current version includes between \$10,000 and \$64,000 in rebates for the purchase of natural gas powered cars and heavy trucks. Station fuelers could get up to \$50,000 to install CNG pumps.

As my colleagues know, for the last twelve months I have been discussing various business models with AGL to construct the infrastructure for a network of CNG fueling stations to be operated by retailers here in Georgia. We would begin with a handful of stations serving fleets and then move into passenger cars.

I want to renew my challenge to Atlanta Gas Light to bring forth a proposal in the coming months to ensure that Georgia is well ahead of competing states when Congress announces grants and incentives.”

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