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McDonald Calls on Congress to Take Action on the Nuclear Waste Fund

Atlanta, February 4, 2014 – Commissioner Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Jr, today urged the U.S. Congress to take action on developing a plan for a Nuclear Waste Repository. "It's time for Congress to step up and ensure compliance with the plan which called for a Nuclear Waste Repository back in 1982," said McDonald. He noted that Georgia electric ratepayers have paid more than \$1.3 billion (including interest) into the Nuclear Waste Repository Fund since 1982, yet to date no repository exists. McDonald also said, "It is time for Georgia electric utilities to place a line item on customer bills to show exactly how much is collected for the Nuclear Waste Repository Fund, so that customers would understand what is happening."

On November 20, 2013, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Washington, D.C. Circuit ordered the Department of Energy to change the fee to zero until the D.O.E. complies with the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 or Congress enacts an alternative waste management plan.

McDonald is the Vice-Chairman of the Nuclear Waste Disposal Subcommittee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). He is in the final 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>. Follow the Commission at www.psc.state.ga.us and on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/ThePSCGa>.

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