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From the Office of Commissioner Tim Echols **Commissioner Tim Echols Hosts Electric Car Brainteam in** **Savannah on Friday September 6**

ATLANTA, September 5, 2013 -- Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols and Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson are hosting a “Electric Car Brainteam” in Savannah on Friday, September 6, 2013 from 11am to 1pm. The event will be held at Georgia Power’s 28 Abercorn Street Office in downtown Savannah.

Echols said he organized the event because electric cars compliment the grid and help save everyone money.

“The PSC approved a special rate for Georgia Power customers who charge their electric cars overnight at home,” said Echols. “This special rate rewards the electric car owner with a super off-peak rate that applies not only to the car—but the entire house.”

Echols said that charging cars overnight uses the very cheapest power on the system and then allows the customer to use that power during the day—which is usually the most expensive power.

“Electric cars not only are more efficient and cleaner to operate,” said Echols. “They also represent a distributed network of battery storage that allows us to store cheap overnight energy in the car’s battery.”

The “brainteam,” listed below, will brainstorm how to deploy more electric car chargers and cars throughout the Savannah area.

Echols said that there are great tax credits out there both from the federal government and the state government that people can take advantage of.

“Electric cars don’t work for everyone,” said Echols. “But for some people, it makes a lot of sense. We want to find those people.”

Participants include:

Mayor Edna Jackson

Dominic Ross (City of Savannah)

Mike Anderson (EFACEC)

Don Francis (Clean Cities)

Greg Crittenden (Metro Plug In)

Diane Schleicher (City of Tybee Island)

Ward Riggins (Hannah Solar and EV Charging)

Marjorie Young (Carriage Trade Public Relations)

Rick Lott (Effingham Chamber)

Jill Stuckey (Herty Foundation)

Jason Bass (Blink Network)

Lee Beckmann (Georgia Ports)

Doug Serillo (Chargepoint Inc.)

Matt Gignilliat (Georgia Power)

Ben Echols (Georgia Power)

Charles Patterson (Georgia Southern)

Benjy Thompson (Bulloch Co Eco Dev)

Mary Landers (Savannah Morning News)

Billy Trapnell (Pineland Telephone)

Philip McConnell (General Manager, Savannah Mall)

Becky Orsi (Savannah Mall)

Lenard Robinson (Savannah Airport)

Peter Thacher (Vaden Nissan)

Jane Vaden Thacher (Vaden Nissan)

Ron Russo (General Manager, Vaden Nissan)

Kevin Klinkenberg (Share Savannah)

Denise R. Grabowski, AICP, LEED AP (symbioscity)

Gary W. Sanchez (AT&T)

Cornelius Willingham (Nissan corporate)

Natalie Schanze (GA Ports Authority)

Scott Kilgore (Hannah Solar)

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