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From the Office of Commissioner Tim Echols

Commissioner Tim Echols Requests Commission Probe of Georgia Charter Bus Company Grounded by Feds

ATLANTA, June 13, 2011 – Commissioner Tim Echols is requesting that the Georgia Public Service Commission begin its own investigation into an East Point based transportation company that the federal government ordered shut down on Friday, June 10, 2011. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued a cease and desist order to JCT Motor Coach, Inc. after finding the company posed an imminent hazard to public safety.

“The good news in all of this is that the buses are grounded,” said Echols. “I have asked the State Patrol to notify me as soon as possible when they issue a cease and desist order to a transportation company so we can warn consumers and start our own investigation.” Echols said the State Patrol inspected JCT Motor Coach and found them lacking in 19 problem areas. “This inspection was done at federal request according to the State Patrol,” said Echols. “Now I want the PSC to investigate and determine if a permanent revocation of their operating authority needs to happen.”

The Company currently has an interim certificate of authority to operate within Georgia. Under current Georgia law (O.C.G.A. §§ 46-7-2, 46-7-3, 46-7-85.3, 46-7-85.4 and 46-7-12) all passenger carrier companies that fall under the Commission’s authority and operate within the state are required to be registered and have proof of insurance on file with the Commission. A list of the licensed companies can be found on the Commission’s website:

(For limo companies) <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/transportation/limodata.asp>

(For bus companies) <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/transportation/BusCompanyData.asp>

Commissioner Echols is the newest member of the Georgia Public Service Commission, having been elected statewide to a six-year term in November, 2010. His complete biography is at <http://tiny.cc/y5ktq>. The Commission web site is www.psc.state.ga.us.

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