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Commissioner Stan Wise Appointed by Secretary of Energy to National Energy Panel

ATLANTA -- Georgia Public Service Commissioner Stan Wise Monday accepted an appointment by U.S. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham to the State Energy Advisory Board.

The State Energy Advisory Board was established in 1991 to make recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Energy on state energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. The Board serves as a liaison between the States and the Department of Energy and helps to disseminate information from federal research on energy efficiency and renewable energy technology. Commissioner Wise's appointment ensures that Georgians will have a voice and a representative at the federal level at a time when the nation's energy policy will come under extensive review.

"I plan to use this opportunity to promote incentives for utilities to generate energy capacity from diverse sources," said Wise. A proponent of nuclear power, Wise has cautioned against the growing reliance on natural gas and has called for additional nuclear generating facilities. "I have long been an advocate for diversifying our energy sources and using new technologies that get more use out of every kilowatt generated," said Commissioner Wise.

"We cannot 'conserve ourselves out of an energy shortage' as the Bush administration has correctly pointed out. But that doesn't mean that we turn away from conservation methods that reliably and cost effectively reduce our dependence on new capacity," said

Wise. “I want to see our state become a test bed for emerging energy technology innovations and gain industry acceptance for the ones that make sense,” he added.

Members to the Department of Energy’s State Energy Advisory Board are appointed nationwide for their knowledge of public and private energy programs and are drawn from public utility commissions, educational institutions, utilities and consumer interest groups. Commissioner Wise was appointed to a two-year term.

Commissioner Stan Wise was first elected to the Georgia Public Service Commission in 1994 and was re-elected in 2000. He serves as the Second Vice-President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and is a past President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC).

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