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Chairman Wise to Speak Today Before the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future Meeting in Downtown Atlanta

Atlanta, October 18, 2011 – Stan Wise, Chairman of the Georgia Public Service Commission, will speak this morning at 11:45 a.m. before the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future. Commissioner Wise will speak on behalf of the Georgia Public Service Commission and the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC). The Blue Ribbon Commission is meeting at the Marriot Marquis, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue Atlanta, Georgia.

Wise will tell the Blue Ribbon Commission, "While we understand the Commission's adherence to the guidance given to you by the Secretary of Energy and the statement in the report that all of your recommendations can and should be implemented regardless of what happens with Yucca Mountain, we believe the Commission should have recommended that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) be required to fulfill its obligation to complete the Yucca Mountain license review, in the interest of science and to inform policy makers."

The latest information shows that Georgia electric customers have paid \$586 million (as of 2007) into the Nuclear Waste Fund.

NARUC is the national association representing the State Public Service Commissioners who regulate essential utility services, including energy, telecommunications, and water. NARUC members are responsible for assuring reliable utility service at fair, just, and reasonable rates. Founded in 1889, the Association is an invaluable resource for its members and the regulatory community, providing a venue to set and influence public policy, share best practices, and foster innovative solutions to improve regulation.

A full copy of Commissioner Wise's remarks will be available on the Commission web site, www.psc.state.ga.us.

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