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### **MEDIA ADVISORY FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER TIM ECHOLS**

#### **Commissioner Echols to visit Georgia Southern University in Statesboro and MAGE Solar in Dublin on Tuesday January 25, 2011**

ATLANTA – January 24, 2011 – Commissioner Tim Echols with the Georgia Public Service Commission will be visiting Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia and Dublin, Georgia on Tuesday January 25, 2011. News media representatives are invited to cover all or part of this tour. The Commissioner will be available for interviews.

Commissioner Echols will be visiting Georgia Southern and MAGE SOLAR Projects to provide an overview of the Commission's actions on alternative energy sources and to receive briefings on research and development at these facilities. The following is his schedule:

- 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Echols will brief the Georgia Southern delegation on the PSC and its mission.
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Mosfequr Rahman on GSUs wind energy research- present and future
- 11:00 a.m. Tour of Dr. Rahman's lab (with students to talk through their work on the projects)
- 11:15 a.m. Tour of GSUs biofuels lab
- 11:40 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Valentin Soloiu on GSUs biofuels research- present and future
- 11:55 a.m. Lunch at the Russell Union Board Room and discussion about next steps until departure
- 1:30 p.m. Departure
- 3 p.m. Arrive at MAGE SOLAR Projects, Inc. Dublin, Georgia.

Following his time in Statesboro, Georgia, Commissioner Echols will travel to Dublin, Georgia to visit MAGE SOLAR Projects, Inc. 720 Industrial Blvd. Dublin, GA 31021 for a tour of the facility beginning at 3 p.m. Norbert Philipp, CEO of the global MAGE SOLAR Group as well as Joe Thomas, President and COO of MAGE SOLAR USA and MAGE SOLAR Academy will host Commissioner Echols as one of the first Georgia statewide elected officials to tour the facility.

"I have always felt the best way to lead is by example, if at all possible," said Echols. "It's one thing to encourage investment in alternative energy, but being able to speak from personal

experience may enable me to convince other public officials to do the same thing. That is why I drive a CNG car and have solar on my house in Athens.”

Commissioner Echols is the newest member of the Georgia Public Service Commission, having been elected statewide in November, 2010. His complete biography is on the Commission web site at <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/pscinfo/bios/echols.asp?tab=Tab2>.

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