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MEDIA ADVISORY FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER TIM ECHOLS

Commissioner Echols to Display Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle in Rome On Wednesday February 2 and Thursday February 3, 2011

Who: Commissioner Tim Echols

What: Socratic Discussion followed by showing of Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle

When: 6:30 p.m., February 2, 2011 **Where:** Berry College, Rome, Georgia (Spruill Ballroom, in the Krannert Building)

When: 7:30 a.m., February 3, 2011, **Where:** Rome TEA Party's Eggs & Issues Breakfast is the Landmark Restaurant, 2740 Martha Berry Hwy., Rome, GA. 30165.

ATLANTA – January 27, 2011 – Commissioner Tim Echols with the Georgia Public Service Commission will be speaking with several groups in northwest Georgia and displaying his Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicle in Rome, Georgia. First, at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 after he speaks to the College Republican chapter on the Berry College Campus and again on Thursday morning, February 3, 2011 at 7:30 a.m., at the Rome Tea Party's Eggs and Issues Breakfast. Commissioner Echols is a regular speaker to student groups and civic clubs and plans to lead a discussion entitled "Impacting Public Policy and the Political Process."

"Often times conservatives employ the Sir Galahad theory of politics and believe that simply because they are 'right,' they should win," said Echols. "Unfortunately, being 'right on the issues' is not enough and conservative activists must use strategic and prudent methodology."

Echols will also demonstrate his CNG car at both locations. "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 to a six-year term in November, 2010. His complete biography is at <http://tiny.cc/y5ktg>. The Commission web site is www.psc.state.ga.us.

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