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Statement from Georgia PSC Commissioner Doug Everett on Atlanta Gas Light Company's CNG Station Announcement

ATLANTA, GA, May 30, 2012—Georgia Public Service Commissioner Doug Everett issued the following statement today regarding the announcement by Atlanta Gas Light Company that it received proposals to award funding from the Universal Service Fund to construct new compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling stations at nine locations throughout Georgia.

“I am pleased that seven qualified station owners have come forward to develop more CNG fueling stations in Georgia. My goal, and the goal of my fellow commissioners, was to encourage economic development in Georgia and to support a program where vehicle owners and station owners made investments under market conditions where on supply and demand would occur simultaneously. Georgia is on its way to becoming a leader in CNG activity in the Southeast without a negative impact on Atlanta Gas Light’s ratepayers.”

In June 2009, Commissioner Everett called on Atlanta Gas Light to develop a proposal to stimulate CNG Station development in Georgia, and to bring the national focus on the emerging natural gas vehicle market to the state. Commissioner Everett’s call was to solve the “chicken or the egg” problem that challenges first movers in any new market—that is, to find a way to have investment decisions by fleet owners, station owners and vehicle manufacturers to occur simultaneously based on market certainty.

The proposal approved by the Commission in October 2011 relies heavily on private investment in new vehicles and in new fueling station infrastructure. Atlanta Gas Light’s residential and commercial customers will not be asked to underwrite the initial investment or operational costs. Atlanta Gas Light will award up to \$11.57 million from the USF to qualified station owners that meet minimum financial and contractual obligations; including having approximately 20% of the station’s CNG fueling capacity under contract to one or more fleet customers for a five-year period. Atlanta Gas Light will install, own and maintain CNG equipment used to compress and store natural gas for quick-fill fueling applications, and will charge a regulated rate to the station owners for this service. Station owners will not be regulated by the Commission, and prices paid by consumers will be set by market forces. Georgia currently offers a \$2,500 per vehicle income tax credit to individuals and companies that invest in alternative fuel vehicles.

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