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### NEWS RELEASE

#### **Statement from the Office of Georgia PSC Commissioner Lauren “Bubba” McDonald on Georgia Solar Utilities, Inc. Announcement**

ATLANTA, GA, September 19, 2012—Georgia Public Service Commissioner Lauren “Bubba” McDonald, Jr., issued the following statement today regarding the announcement by Georgia Solar Utilities, Inc. (GaSU) of their innovative solar energy plan for Georgia.

GaSU will be holding a press conference tomorrow, Thursday, September 20, 2012, at 12:00 noon at the North Wing of the Capitol on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. This newly formed Georgia solar energy company will file their plan with the PSC prior to this news conference.

GaSU wants the PSC to recognize the value to ratepayers from their supplying solar power under an innovative business structure and to grant GaSU the right to undertake utility scale solar development in Georgia.

In October 2011 Commissioner McDonald asked why the solar industry in Georgia had not yet developed and what changes were needed to create meaningful solar development. GaSU’s proposed plan is in response to Commissioner McDonald’s question.

This plan warrants serious review by the Commission to see if GaSU can bring clean solar power to Georgia with significant savings to ratepayers over the next 40 years.

For further information, you can contact Commissioner McDonald at 404-463-4260.

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