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Georgia Solar Energy Association Recognizes Georgia Public Service Commission as Solar Advocates of the Year

ATLANTA, December 20, 2013 – The Georgia Solar Energy Association (GSEA) honored the Public Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) as Solar Advocates of the Year during a luncheon in Atlanta. Commissioners Lauren “Bubba” McDonald, Jr., Doug Everett, Chuck Eaton, and Tim Echols were on hand to receive the recognition on behalf of the Commission. “All Commissioners are honored to receive this award from GSEA. As the price of solar has dropped dramatically, there have been more opportunities to include solar in a diversified portfolio,” said Chuck Eaton.

The Association recognized the Commission for its decision this year to expand Georgia Power’s solar portfolio in the recent Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The Commission approved an additional 525 Megawatts of solar energy as part of the three year IRP which the Commission approved in July.

“The Georgia Public Service Commission Team is committed to Renewable Energy, maintaining reliability, clean air, and affordable electric rates for the future,” said Bubba McDonald.

"While it took a majority of commissioners to make this happen, I would like to acknowledge Commissioner McDonald's extraordinary efforts in growing solar in our state," said Tim Echols. "Bubba McDonald made this happen."

The Georgia Solar Energy Association, comprised of leading experts in solar manufacturing and installation, academia, finance, and the law, is leading the effort in Georgia to promote the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy through education, advocacy and industry support.

The Georgia Public Service Commission is a constitutional agency comprised of five statewide elected officials that exercises its authority and influence to ensure that consumers receive safe, reliable, and reasonably priced telecommunications, electric and natural gas services from financially viable and technically competent companies.

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