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### **NEWS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER TIM ECHOLS**

#### **Eight Georgia Cities Selected to Host 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Fuel Vehicle Roadshow**

**Atlanta, GA April 28, 2015** -- Georgia Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols has announced the host cities for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Fuel Vehicle Roadshow statewide educational tour, June 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. The series is designed to assist municipal leaders and private enterprise business fleets with critical transportation and operations planning information. This year's theme will be "Advancing the Choice for Clean Energy" and will focus on Georgia's growing number of new natural gas, propane, electric and biofuel fleets. Each half-day event will feature an outdoor showcase of cars and trucks, followed by a series of panels with fleet managers, utilities, suppliers and vehicle manufacturers, who will discuss the benefits and challenges of switching to clean fuels.

#### **Tour Stops:**

- Gainesville | Monday, June 15th 9a-12n | Hosted by Brenau Downtown Center
- Cartersville | Tuesday, June 16th 9a-12n | Hosted by Tellus Science Museum
- Albany | Wednesday, June 17th 9a-12n | Hosted by Dougherty County Government Center
- Atlanta | Thursday, June 18th 3p-5:30p | Hosted by Georgia International Convention Center
- Atlanta | June 23rd 9a-12n | Hosted by Agnes Scott College
- St. Simons | Wednesday June 24th 9a-12n | Sea Palms Resort | Coastal Resources Division
- Valdosta | Thursday, June 25th 9a – 12n | Hosted by Valdosta State University
- Savannah | Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> | 3p-5:30p | Savannah Convention Center | Hosted by Georgia Municipal Association

Commissioner Tim Echols founded the Roadshow and his efforts have helped to expand public awareness for clean fuels across Georgia. Since its founding in 2011 the show has grown to 7 states and 48 cities across the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic. With the mission of networking fleet managers and sharing the experiences of using propane, natural gas, bio-fuels and electric vehicles, the Roadshow is helping to transform today's energy infrastructure and transportation. The Roadshow is presented in alliance with the Department of Energy's Clean Cities program.

*"Helping ratepayers and businesses save money has been a hallmark of my tenure, and the Roadshow provides great information for both," said Echols. "Whether it's electric cars using home-grown power, or vehicles that can take advantage of our domestic and low cost natural gas, propane and biofuels, the Roadshow explains the benefits of making the switch to a cleaner fuel that has less price volatility."*

Admission to the event is free for public officials, government staff and private fleet operators or \$29 for the general public and \$15 for students. Info and Registration: [www.AFVRoadshow.com](http://www.AFVRoadshow.com)

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

## **Alternative Fuel Vehicle Roadshow Fact Sheet**

**AGENDA:** Moderator: Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols

**9am-10am:** Vehicle Showcase & Test Drive See the latest in fleet and passenger vehicles from trucks to cars. Visit with vehicle manufacturers and ask questions about the latest models in electric, natural gas, bio-fuel and propane vehicles

**10am-12noon:** The Economics of Clean Fleets. Learn from a panel of fuel and vehicle experts, side by side with fleet managers who have made the transition to clean fuels for their own fleets – small or large. What are the considerations and financing tools to make this happen for you?

- Natural Gas Panel: Fleet operators, Utilities, Station builders
- Electric Vehicles Panel: Overcoming range anxiety with more infrastructure and improving battery storage. New EV's and incentives in Georgia.
- Shuttles, Schools & Sheriffs: The fleet perspective on Propane.
- Fueling the Future: The new American "gas" station. Filling up with ethanol, electric, CNG and propane. Financing tools for fleets and municipalities.
- "Pitch Perfect": Asking the right questions of vendors and selling your board on a long-term investment. Finding an alt-fuel mentor.

**12 noon-1 p.m.:** Test Drive Experience. Take the opportunity to drive some of the newest AFV's on the market or schedule a demo at your place of business for larger commercial trucks or buses.

**WEBSITE:** [www.AFVRoadshow.com](http://www.AFVRoadshow.com).

**COST:** Registration is required at [www.AFVRoadshow.com](http://www.AFVRoadshow.com) .  
Free to Attend for Private Fleets/Government Staff & Public Officials  
General Public \$29  
Students \$15

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