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**MEDIA ADVISORY  
FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER TIM ECHOLS**

**COMMISSIONER ECHOLS DISPLAYS PROPANE F-250 AT CAPITOL**

Who: **Tim Echols—Public Service Commissioner**, State of Georgia

What: Demonstration of Ford F-250 Propane Truck

When: Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M.

Where: Westside of State Capitol near Thomas Watson statue

ATLANTA – August 18, 2011 – Commissioner Tim Echols, of the Georgia Public Service Commission, will take delivery of another alternative fuel vehicle at the state capitol on Friday afternoon. “I am excited to have the opportunity to test drive a propane-powered F-250,” said Echols. “Any fuel that doesn’t come from the Middle East is good for America.”

Since taking office, Echols has commuted to the capitol in a Honda Civic powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). “My CNG Honda Civic is rated the greenest car in America,” said Echols. “Paying only \$2.34 per gallon and getting to drive in the express lane is a great benefit too.”

Echols said that using the alternative fuel personally helps him understand the difficulties of making it work for the average person. “I have a great idea of how CNG works, and I am looking forward to learning more about propane,” said Echols. “Propane autogas, a domestically produced, lower cost, cleaner-burning fuel, will be celebrating its 100th birthday next year.

According to Roush CleanTech, the company supplying Commissioner Echols with the loaner, propane autogas significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions (24%), nitrogen oxide emissions (20%) and carbon monoxide emissions (60%) vs. gasoline engine operation. Fleet customers are seeing a significant reduction in operating costs when converting from gasoline to propane autogas. In addition, if a fleet has their own propane autogas fueling station, they can take advantage of a federal tax credit of \$0.50 per gallon of fuel pumped.

There are federal tax credits and funding available for the installation of on-site fueling infrastructure as well. More than 90% of the propane used in the United States is produced domestically. Not only does this ensure consistent supply, it also helps reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

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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/y5ktq>. The Commission web site is [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us).

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