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**McDONALD NAMED TO KEY ELECTRIC COMMITTEE**

ATLANTA- In an effort to ensure that Georgia has a continued national voice in electric regulatory policy, it was announced today that Georgia Public Service Commissioner Lauren "Bubba" McDonald has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Committee on Electricity.

The appointment, which is effective immediately and is on a volunteer basis, will allow Commissioner McDonald to promote Georgia's interest in national electric policy while continuing his work as Vice Chairman of the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC).

"My appointment to this important Committee will allow Georgians to have a seat at the table when public utility Commissioners from across the nation discuss and formulate policy ideas regarding the day-to-day operations of regulated electric companies," Commented McDonald. "I look forward to working with my colleagues from around the nation and sharing with them the Georgia experience of ensuring some of the lowest electric rates in America," McDonald added.

Members of the NARUC, whose chief objective is to serve the consumer interest by seeking to improve the quality and effectiveness of public regulation in America, are frequently called upon to testify before Congressional Committees as well as to federal regulatory bodies such as the FCC. When testifying before these bodies members generally report on issues discussed within key NARUC Committees such as the Energy Committee Commissioner McDonald recently joined.

Prior to becoming a member of the Georgia Public Service Commission in 1998, Commissioner McDonald served in the Georgia General Assembly for twenty years. During his tenure in the General Assembly he was Chairman of the House Industry Committee—which has legislative oversight responsibility for the public utilities in the state—for 5 years before becoming Chairman of the House Appropriation Committee for 8 years.

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