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NEWS RELEASE

Lauren “Bubba” McDonald, Jr. Takes Oath of Office for PSC

Atlanta, December 19, 2008 – Lauren “Bubba” McDonald, Jr. today took the oath of office to begin a six-year term on the Georgia Public Service Commission, which regulates transportation, electric, telephone and natural gas utilities. Governor Sonny Perdue administered the oath of office to McDonald as family, friends and colleagues looked on. McDonald will officially begin his term of office on January 1, 2009.

McDonald won election on December 2, 2008 in the General Election Runoff with 56 percent of the vote. McDonald, who served 20 years as a state Representative, was first appointed to the PSC in 1998 by Governor Zell Miller to fill a vacated post and then re-elected in a special mid-term election. He held the seat until 2002.

McDonald has a deep knowledge of the energy industry. During his previous term, he served on the Committee on Electricity of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, chairing that body's subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal in 2001 and 2002.

McDonald has spent decades serving the residents of Georgia. As a state Representative, he chaired the Industry Committee for five years and the Appropriations Committee for eight years. He also served as a commissioner in Jackson County, served on the Board of Managers of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, and volunteered as a Firefighter for the city of Commerce for 35 years.

A native of Commerce who now resides in Clarkesville, McDonald is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a BBA in Business. He has long been a supporter of higher education, serving on the Board of Governors of Mercer Medical College and the Board of the Advanced Technology Center at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He was also a director of the Small Business Development Center at the University of Georgia.

McDonald has lived his entire life within District Four of the PSC. Currently, he is a partner in L.W. McDonald & Son Funeral Home in Cumming, with his son, Lauren III. He is married to Sunny McDonald, is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a private pilot, and an avid golfer.

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