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### **Statement From The Office Of Georgia PSC Commissioner Doug Everett on Atlanta Gas Light Company's CNG Station Announcement**

**September 28, 2012, (ATLANTA, GA)**—Georgia Public Service Commission member Doug Everett issued the following statement today regarding the announcement by Atlanta Gas Light Company that it has executed service agreements with the City of Atlanta and three commercial operators to construct new compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling stations at five locations throughout Georgia:

“I am very pleased that the Public Service Commission’s goal of adding more CNG fueling stations in Georgia is about to become a reality, and that the public will have access to CNG not only in Metro Atlanta, but now in Savannah and Valdosta. Atlanta Gas Light’s program to use its corporate resources and proceeds from the Universal Service Fund to open these stations will make Georgia a leader in CNG activity in the Southeast without the program’s costs being borne by the Company’s general ratepayers.”

In June 2009, Commissioner Everett called on Atlanta Gas Light to develop a proposal to stimulate CNG Station development in Georgia, and to bring the national focus on the emerging natural gas vehicle market to the state. Commissioner Everett’s call was to solve the “chicken or the egg” problem that challenges first movers in any new market—that is, to find a way to have investment decisions by fleet owners, station owners and vehicle manufacturers to occur simultaneously based on market certainty.

The proposal approved by the Commission in October 2011 relies heavily on private investment in new vehicles and in new fueling station infrastructure. Atlanta Gas Light’s residential and commercial customers will not be asked to underwrite the initial investment or operational costs. Atlanta Gas Light will award up to \$11.57 million from the USF to qualified station owners that meet minimum financial and contractual obligations; including having approximately 20% of the station’s CNG fueling capacity under contract to one or more fleet customers for a five year period. Atlanta Gas Light will install, own and maintain CNG equipment used to compress and store natural gas for quick-fill fueling applications, and will charge a regulated rate to the station owners for this service. Station owners will not be regulated by the Commission, and prices paid by consumers will be set by market forces. Georgia currently offers a \$2,500 per vehicle income tax credit to individuals and companies that invest in alternative fuel vehicles.

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