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### **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Commission Asks Legislature to Remove Sales Tax on Energy Used in Manufacturing *Commission Sends Letter to Lawmakers***

**ATLANTA**, October 11, 2011—Citing lost jobs and an inability to compete with its neighboring states, the Georgia Public Service Commission is asking the Georgia General Assembly to consider removing sales tax on energy sales used in manufacturing during the 2012 Legislative Session. The Commission unanimously approved a letter to be sent to all legislators.

“Largely due to the higher cost of energy here,” the letter states, “Georgia has lost more than a billion dollars in investment in new and expanded manufacturing plants in just the past couple of years and the jobs that would have been secured or created by virtue of that investment.”

The Commission notes that Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Virginia and Texas charge no sales taxes on energy used in the manufacturing process while Louisiana, North Carolina, Mississippi and Tennessee charge reduced tax rates on sales of energy used in manufacturing.

“Georgians, like their fellow citizens across the country, are anxious about the economy and the loss of jobs, particularly manufacturing jobs.” The letter further states, “They believe that manufacturing is central to American’s economic strength and national security.”

The full text of the letter can be found on the Commission website at: [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us).

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