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Commissioner Tim Echols Receives Trailblazer Award at Advanced Reactors V & Showcase at Texas A&M

February 22, 2018 – Atlanta, Georgia – Commissioner Tim Echols, Vice-Chair of the Georgia Public Service Commission, was honored February 21, 2018 with the Advanced Reactors Summit's Trailblazer Award at a reception at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum at the Texas A&M campus in College Station.

The 5th Advanced Reactors Summit & Showcase included keynotes from U.S. Energy Undersecretary Mark Menezes, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commissioner Stephen Burns and Nuclear Energy Agency Director-General William Magwood.

Commissioner Echols is a nationally recognized proponent for clean energy and is the architect of the regulatory package recently adopted by the Georgia Public Service Commission with respect to completion of the U.S.'s flagship advanced nuclear project at Plant Vogtle Three and Four. Georgia Power is currently constructing the units.

“In reality, I accepted this award on behalf of all the Commissioners and the many stakeholders who worked to keep the Vogtle project going,” said Echols. “Ending the project and stranding \$5 billion was not the option we wanted.”

The Advanced Reactors Summit Trailblazer Award was established in 2017. NuScale Power Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer Jose Reyes was the inaugural honoree.

On Monday, February 26, 2018, Commissioner Echols will address the American Nuclear Society in Augusta at their ANS Savannah River Section at the Savannah River Brewing Company, 813 5th Street in Augusta. Echols will make remarks around 7 p.m. On Tuesday, February 27, 2018 he tours Plant Vogtle again and speaks at lunch to the NAYGN (engineers under 35) Society at the plant.

Echols was re-elected to his statewide post in 2016 and serves until 2022. His complete biography and photo are found on the Commission web site at

<http://www.psc.state.ga.us/content.aspx?c=/commissioners/tim-echols/?tab=2>

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David Blee (left) of the Nuclear Infrastructure Council, presents Commissioner Tim Echols with his Trailblazer Award

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