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## TRA WELCOMES GEORGIA COMMISSIONER MCDONALD TO TENNESSEE

**Nashville, Tennessee** – On Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) welcomed Georgia Public Service Commissioner Lauren “Bubba” McDonald, Jr. to Nashville, Tennessee.

Commissioner McDonald appeared before the Tennessee General Assembly’s Senate Government Operations Committee and spoke on the special challenges facing state regulatory commissions and the increasingly complex regulatory environment commissions are charged to navigate through.

“It was my pleasure to be able to visit with my Tennessee colleagues, as well as meet several Tennessee legislators,” said Commissioner McDonald. “My goal is to always ensure that consumer interests are protected, and that goal knows no state boundaries.”

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. Today he is a member of NARUC's Electric Committee and Nuclear Subcommittee. Prior to his service with the Georgia Public Service Commission, Commissioner McDonald served in the Georgia House Representative for 20 years.

TRA Chairman Kenneth Hill spoke on the working partnership Tennessee and Georgia has shared over the years, which has fostered a shared interest in the regulatory and economic issues unique to southern states.

“As a southern border state, the TRA has enjoyed working with Commissioner McDonald and the Georgia PSC for a number of years on relevant issues and threats critical our respective states,” said Hill. “We appreciate the opportunity to work with the GPSC and look forward to many more.”

The mission of the TRA is to promote the public interest by balancing the interests of utility consumers and providers. For more information, visit us online at [www.tn.gov/tra](http://www.tn.gov/tra), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tntra](http://www.facebook.com/tntra) or on Twitter at @statetntra.

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