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Commissioners Doug Everett and Lauren "Bubba" McDonald Sworn In for New Terms

ATLANTA, December 15, 2014 – Governor Nathan Deal today administered the oath of office to Commissioners Doug Everett and Lauren "Bubba" McDonald as they begin their new six-year terms on the Georgia Public Service Commission. The voters overwhelmingly re-elected Everett and McDonald on November 4, 2014. Their terms of office officially begin January 1, 2015.

Everett, of Albany, Georgia, was joined by his wife, Janice, his son Mitch Everett, and daughter Denice Delk and granddaughter Katie Delk for his swearing in. "I am honored that the voters have again placed their trust in me to ensure that we can provide just and reasonable rates while ensuring that we have financially and technically capable utilities," said Everett. Everett begins his third term on the Commission, having been first elected in 2002 and re-elected in 2008. Everett placed his hand on the same Bible he took the oath on for his first term in 2002 by then Governor Roy Barnes. Everett's full biography is found at http://www.psc.state.ga.us/content.aspx?c=/commissioners/doug-everett/?tab=2

McDonald's wife Shelley, son Lauren McDonald III, daughter in law Claire McDonald, their three children Wylie, Ridley and Hayley, and mother-in-law Rozelle Walker watched Commissioner McDonald, of Habersham County Georgia, take his oath of office. McDonald begins his second full term on the Commission. He was first elected in 1998 and then elected to a full term in 2008. "I will continue to see that Georgia has safe, affordable and reliable energy to provide an economically vibrant state," said McDonald.

Commissioner McDonald's full biography is found at <u>http://www.psc.state.ga.us/content.aspx?c=/commissioners/lauren-mcdonald-jr/?tab=2</u>

Photos of the ceremony are found below and also at http://www.psc.state.ga.us/newsinfo/NewsReleases.aspx

The Georgia Public Service Commission is a constitutional agency that exercises its authority and influence to ensure that consumers receive safe, reliable, and reasonably-priced telecommunications,

electric and natural gas services from financially viable and technically competent companies. Additional information can be found on the Commission web site, <u>www.psc.state.ga.us</u>.



Shelley McDonald looks on as her husband Commissioner Lauren "Bubba" McDonald(left) takes the oath of office from Governor Nathan Deal (right)



Commissioner Doug Everett (left) takes the oath of office as his wife Janice Everett(center) looks on