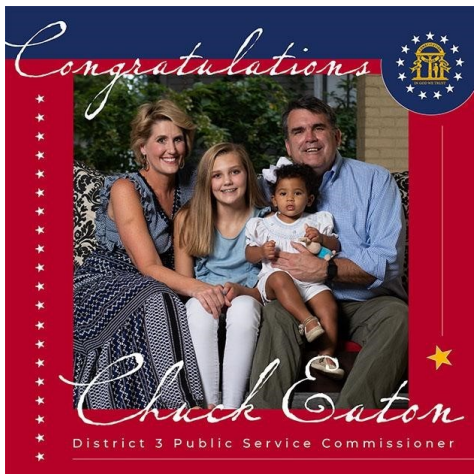




## The PSC Pulse

### COMMISSIONERS WIN ELECTIONS



*Erica, Lydia, Lilly and Chuck Eaton*

**Commissioner Tricia Pridemore** won election to a full six-year term in the November 6, 2018 General Election, defeating opponent Dawn Randolph with just over 50 percent of the vote. She was appointed to the Commission in February 2018 when long time Commissioner Stan Wise resigned from the Commission.

**Commissioner Chuck Eaton** won re-election to another six-year term on the Commission in the December 4, 2018 General Election Runoff. He defeated opponent Lindy Miller with about 52 percent of the vote. This will be Eaton's third term on the Commission since being elected in 2006.



*Michael and Tricia Pridemore*



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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Pridemore attends New Commissioners Forum at NARUC
- Pridemore Selected for Transition Team
- Plant Vogtle Tour
- Plant Vogtle Hearing
- Commissioners Tour Hurricane Ravaged Southwest Georgia
- Chairman McDonald Hosts Florida Commissioner

**PRIDEMORE  
ATTENDS NEW  
COMMISSIONERS  
FORUM AT NARUC  
ANNUAL MEETING**



**Commissioner Tricia Pridemore** was one of ten new state regulators who attended the NARUC New Commissioner Forum on Sunday, November 11, 2018. The session, which was moderated by Idaho Commissioner Paul Kjellander, included an overview of the Association, information on committees, and presentations from NARUC department directors.

**What do you get if  
you cross an iPad  
with a Christmas  
Tree?**

**A pineapple!**

**COMMISSIONER EVERETT ANNOUNCES  
RETIREMENT**



*L-R Chairman Bubba McDonald,  
Executive Assistant Lynn Page,  
Janice Everett, Commissioner  
Doug Everett*

year term in the November 3, 2020 general election. Everett said, "It is with a heavy heart that I announce this decision. This Commission has been like a family to me. I have not measured my life by riches but by friendships and in that I am truly rich. It has been a privilege

and honor to serve the people of Georgia." "Commissioner Everett has dedicated his life to public service and the people of Georgia, both here at the Commission, in the Legislature and in the City of Albany," said **Commission**

**Chairman** **Lauren "Bubba" McDonald**. "He will be missed." "From his time serving the city of Albany, to refereeing football games, to serving in the legislature and then almost two decades on the Georgia Public Service Commission, Doug Everett has been a true public servant," said **Commission Vice-chair Tim Echols**.



*Janice and Doug Everett*



*L-R Commissioners Echols, McDonald,  
Everett, Eaton and Pridemore*



## COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF TAKE ACTIVE ROLES IN ANNUAL NARUC POLICY SUMMIT



*Chairman McDonald sings Star Spangled Banner to open the NARUC Annual Meeting*



*Commissioner Pridemore takes part in the Electric Committee discussion at NARUC*



*Chairman McDonald and Tara Surratt discuss the deregulation of natural gas industry in Georgia*

Commissioners and staff participated in the 2018 Annual Meeting of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners in Orlando, Florida November 11-14, 2018. **Commissioner McDonald** got the Monday opening session started with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem and then sang a beautiful version of Amazing Grace during the annual remembrance of NARUC members who have passed away during the past year.

**Commissioner Tricia Pridemore** gave a briefing on Georgia's electric industry in the Electric Committee meeting.

**Commission Chairman Lauren "Bubba" McDonald** and **Gas Utility Analyst Tara Surratt** were part of a panel discussion on the de-regulation of natural gas industry in Georgia during the meeting of the Gas Committee.

## PRIDEMORE SELECTED FOR GOVERNOR ELECT BRIAN KEMP'S TRANSITION TEAM

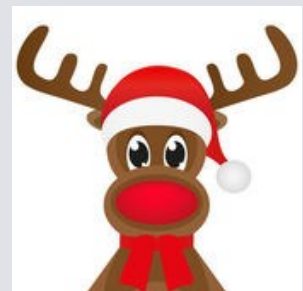


*Commissioner Pridemore (far right) at Governor-elect Kemp's Capitol news conference.*

## PSC AND LEGISLATIVE STAFF TOUR PLANT VOGTLE CONSTRUCTION SITE



*L-R John Gunnells, PSC Gas Staff; David Hartman, House Budget Office; Bill Edge, PSC PIO; Samuel Johnson, PSC Gas Staff; Morgan Hall, House Budget Office; Tara Boockholdt, House Budget Office; Dick White, Georgia Power; Marc Vinson, Georgia Power.*



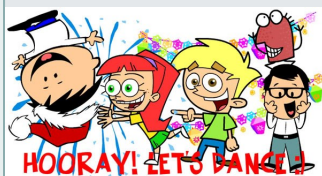
## COMMISSION BEGINS FIRST ROUND OF THE 19TH VOGTLE CONSTRUCTION MONITORING HEARINGS



*Georgia Power's witnesses are sworn in to begin their direct testimony*

The Commission on November 15, 2018 heard from Georgia Power Company witnesses during the first round of hearings on the 19<sup>th</sup> Vogtle Construction Monitoring Report in Docket 29849. The Company is asking the Commission to approve and verify \$571 million in expenditures from January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. There will be additional hearings on December 18, 2018 and January 17, 2019. The Commission is scheduled to issue its decision in this docket on February 19, 2019.

**PSC Commission  
Faithful Service  
Awards and Holiday  
Luncheon!  
December 13th,  
11:00 a.m.**



## COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATE IN GROUNDBREAKING FOR GEORGIA'S LARGEST SOLAR FARM



**Commission Chairman Lauren “Bubba” McDonald, Vice-Chairman Tim Echols and Commissioner Tricia Pridemore** took part in the groundbreaking for the 2,000 acre Georgia Solar 4 Farm in Twiggs County on November 8, 2018. The ceremonial groundbreaking brought together state officials, Georgia Power, the Commission, Twiggs County Commission, Origis Energy and First Solar, Inc. representatives to extoll the benefits of the 200-megawatt, GA Solar 4 project as the largest infrastructure project in Twiggs County, the solar facility will create up to 400 construction jobs and provide ongoing tax revenues for the county.

## THREE COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE OFFICE JANUARY 1, 2019

For the first time in more than 80 years, three Commissioners will take office on the same day, on January 1, 2019. **Commissioner Chuck Eaton** won re-election to his third six-year term while **Commissioner Tricia Pridemore** won her election to a full six-year term. She was appointed to replace Commissioner Stan Wise who resigned in February 2018.



**Jason Shaw** will take office on January 1, 2019 to serve out the remaining two years of Commissioner Doug Everett's term. Everett will retire effective December 31, 2018. Shaw is from Lakeland, Georgia and has served in the Georgia House of Representatives since 2011.



## COMMISSION HOSTS WORKSHOP ON THE SMART GRID

The Commission on September 12, 2018 hosted a daylong regional workshop on the Framework and Roadmap of Smart Grid Interoperability Standards. The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) sponsored the workshop, one of four regional workshops to be held around the country. Nearly 40 Commission staff, industry and technology representatives attended the Workshop.



*Chairman McDonald welcomes Workshop participants to the Commission*



*EERE Manager Jamie Barber takes part in panel on the Benefits of Smart Grid Inoperability*

## PSC STAFF JOIN THE KAISER WALK/ RUN ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2018



*Sheree Kernizan and Ben Deitchman*

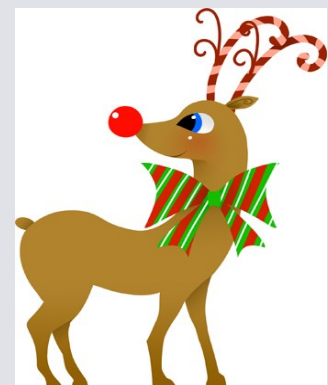


*Sheree Kernizan and Samuel Johnson*

## COMMISSIONERS TOUR HURRICANE RAVAGED SOUTH-WEST GEORGIA



**Commissioners Chuck Eaton and Tricia Pridemore** toured southwest Georgia on October 12, 2018 to get a firsthand look at areas devastated by Hurricane Michael. "You really get a sense when you're in a disaster situation like this how important electricity is. The first thing you do is clear the roads but then the second thing you do is to restore the electricity," said Eaton. Pridemore added that, "It will take years to restore this area to what it was before. There is nothing recoverable when you see the damage." The Commissioners viewed the damage both from the air and the ground.



**CHAIRMAN  
MCDONALD HOSTS  
COMMISSIONER  
DONALD POHLMANN  
OF THE FLORIDA PSC**

**Chairman Lauren  
"Bubba" McDonald**  
hosted Commissioner



Donald Pohlmann of the Florida Public Service Commission on September 12, 2018. Commissioner Pohlmann was attending the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) regional workshop here at the Commission. Commissioner Pohlmann has served on the Florida Commission since 2017.



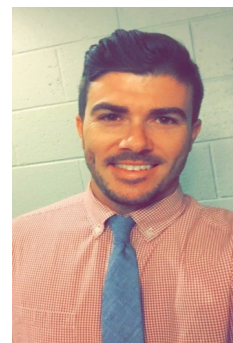
**WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES**



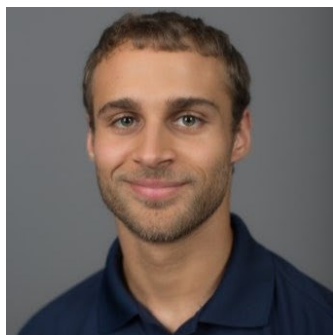
*John Gunnells joined the Natural Gas Unit on Sept 1, 2018*

**John Gunnells** was born and raised on a family farm in Ila, GA, and has lived in Atlanta for three years. He possesses a B.A. from Birmingham-Southern College and a M.P.A. from Georgia State University. John's work background is diverse, but most recently he worked on state budget projects as an aide in the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office. In his free time he likes to attend Atlanta United matches, visit family, play lacrosse, eat BBQ, and hang out with his beloved cat Mr. Bojangles.

**Kenneth Rowe** has over 13 years of experience in the natural gas industry. He is excited to apply his skills and knowledge to become an asset to the team. Kenny is thankful for this opportunity and can't wait to see what the future holds.



*Kenneth Rowe joined the Pipeline*



*Timothy Cook joined the EERE group on September 17, 2018*

**Timothy Cook** grew up in Batavia, NY. He received his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University, and, after a few years living in San Diego, came to Atlanta for a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Tech. His interests are in power generation and renewable energy. In his spare time, Tim enjoys biking of all kinds, motorsports and cooking.

**Samuel Johnson** worked in the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts for two years before starting at the PSC.

He has a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Georgia.

Sam is an Atlanta Native and enjoys attending local theatre and restaurants in Downtown Atlanta, where he resides.



*Samuel Johnson joined the Natural Gas Unit on Oct 1, 2018*



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY!**



**25 YEARS**

Jamie Barber  
EERE

**20 YEARS**

Jada Brock  
Operations Support

Ann McCullough-Henry  
Electric Unit

**15 YEARS**

Tonika Starks  
Telecom Unit

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**Jackson Branch** graduated from University of Georgia School of Law in 2017 and passed the Texas Bar in July of 2017. After he began working here, Jack studied for and took the July 2018 Georgia Bar Exam and found out his results on October 26<sup>th</sup>. He Passed!!

**Commissioner Doug Everett** is retiring the end of this year.

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**NEW BEGINNINGS**



**Monique Andrews in Operations Support** has joined the Grandmother Club. Her Goddaughter Janauvia gave birth to Zachariah on October 3rd, 8lbs and 20 inches long. Malachi is a VERY Proud Uncle.

**CONDOLENCES**



Mrs. Vivian R. Lewis, the mother of **Beverly Franks** passed away on September 20, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family during this difficult time.



**FAREWELL**



**Beverly Franks, Executive Assistant** to Commissioner Chuck Eaton is retiring the end of this year. Bev started in Consumer Affairs and became a permanent employee in 2005. She will be missed by the entire PSC family.



## COMMISSION CALENDAR

### Dec 2018

4—Administrative Session  
13—Committee Meetings

13—Commission Faithful Awards  
and Holiday luncheon

18—Administrative Session

18—Plant Vogtle Hearing

24-25—Holiday

### Jan 2019

1—Holiday  
3—Administrative Session

10 — Committee Meetings

15—Administrative Session and  
Legislative Affairs meeting

17—Plant Vogtle Hearing

21—Holiday

31—Committee Meetings

### Feb 2019

5—Administration Session  
10-13—NARUC

14—Committee Meetings

19—Administrative Session and  
Legislative Affairs meeting

28—Committee Meetings

## HOLIDAYS COMING UP!



**Monday and Tuesday,  
Dec 24 and 25**



**Tuesday, Jan 1**



**Monday, Jan 21**

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