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### **Georgia Conservation Voters Unveils [www.thetruthaboutbubba.com](http://www.thetruthaboutbubba.com) New website exposes shameful record of PSC candidate Lauren "Bubba" McDonald**

ATLANTA – Georgia Conservation Voters (GCV), a bi-partisan organization which works to turn Georgia's conservation values into state priorities, today announced the launch of a new website, [www.thetruthaboutbubba.com](http://www.thetruthaboutbubba.com), that tells voters what they need to know about the record of Public Service Commission (PSC) candidate Lauren "Bubba" McDonald.

"The truth is Georgia just can't afford more of Bubba McDonald," said Chris Osborne, Executive Director of Georgia Conservation Voters. "When voters go to the polls on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, they need to know who he really is - a career politician who will do whatever it takes to get elected, even if it means higher energy prices for the middle class and secret deals for the special interests."

Information highlighted on the website details how Bubba McDonald:

- **Consistently opposed saving consumers millions of dollars in energy prices**

In 2001, Bubba opposed a proposal by PSC staff to cut Georgia Power rates by \$400 million over one year. One year later, he opposed \$42.1 million in PSC staff-recommended cuts for natural gas rates. He even voted against requiring gas companies to disclose their average price to consumers, which would make it easier for Georgians to compare rates and save money.

- **Lied about behind-the-scenes deal on rate case**

Bubba submitted a rate proposal to the Commission, a 40-page compromise agreement that he claimed was written all by himself and that he shared with no one. Later, Commissioner Angela Speir exposed through a public records search that the document had actually been drafted almost word for word by Georgia Power attorneys who emailed it to Bubba to propose as his own. As one newspaper noted, "Not only had McDonald secretly done the utility's bidding, he created a lie to hide the fact from the Georgia public."

- **Puppet for the special interests**

During his career, Bubba has accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in special interest money. Seventy percent of Bubba's campaign contributions during the 2008 PSC race have come from the industries he would regulate on the Commission.

"Having Bubba McDonald serve on the Public Service Commission is like letting the fox guard the hen house," said Osborne. "During his tenure holding public office, Bubba McDonald has proven to be nothing more than a puppet of the special interests. He has consistently voted against middle class ratepayers in favor of his campaign donors."

The website, [www.thetruthaboutbubba.com](http://www.thetruthaboutbubba.com), is paid for by the Georgia Conservation Voters Action Fund, a political action committee supported by pro-conservation Georgians and registered with the Georgia State Ethics Commission.

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