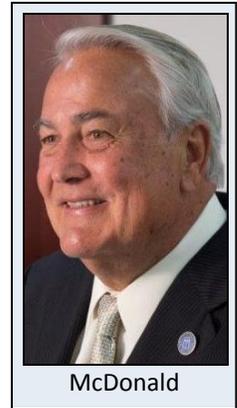


**NAME: Lauren W. "Bubba" McDonald**  
**PARTY: Republican**  
**SEEKING: Public Service Commissioner, Northern**



**Why are you seeking your office?**

The reason I seek this office again is to continue the work I have done and have been able to accomplish over the past five years. Being a part of the decision making which will take Georgia far into the future as it deals with energy, how it is developed and how it is delivered to the consumers of Georgia is the challenge I accept.

**What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

Having been a leader moving Georgia forward in Renewable Energy with an emphasis on Solar (over 735 MWhrs. in the next two years) combined with the first Nuclear Plants in the nation in over 30 years is the goal I desire to accomplish.

**What distinguishes your candidacy?**

In 1998 then Governor Zell Miller ask me to fill a vacancy on the Commission stating that he was looking for someone with a successful business background and also someone with experience in government (20 yrs. In the Georgia House of Representatives). That established record and this year being recognized as one of The 100 Most Influential Georgians by Georgia Trend distinguishes my Candidacy.

**What are the key issues in your race?**

State law requires the Public Service Commission to make sure the consumers of an Investor Owned Utility receive affordable, reliable and clean energy. Also, the law charges the Commission with the fiduciary responsibility to the Utility. My challenge is striking a balance between the consumer, the utility and the economy of the State as a whole.

**Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.**

Energy is a necessary expense in any business. If an existing manufacturing company looks to expand or if a new manufacturing company looks at Georgia for location, bringing new jobs and economic development, one of the first questions that is asked is, "What is my energy cost going to be and how reliable is it". As a Commissioner this challenge is always at the forefront of my work.

**Give a 100 word summary of your background.**

During my adult life I have been in public service for over 32 years paralleled by owning and operating two successful private businesses. Meeting payrolls, managing inventory and providing quality service to my customers is an education within itself. Earning a degree in Business from UGA, elected, County Commissioner, 20 years in the Georgia House of Representatives (8 yrs. Appropriation Chairman) and now 9 ½ years on the Commission has provided me with a very diverse background and the ability to make reasonable and sound decisions.

## **OTHER CANDIDATES**

**NAME: Douglas T. Kidd**

**PARTY: Republican**

**SEEKING: Public Service Commissioner, Northern**

Did not respond.