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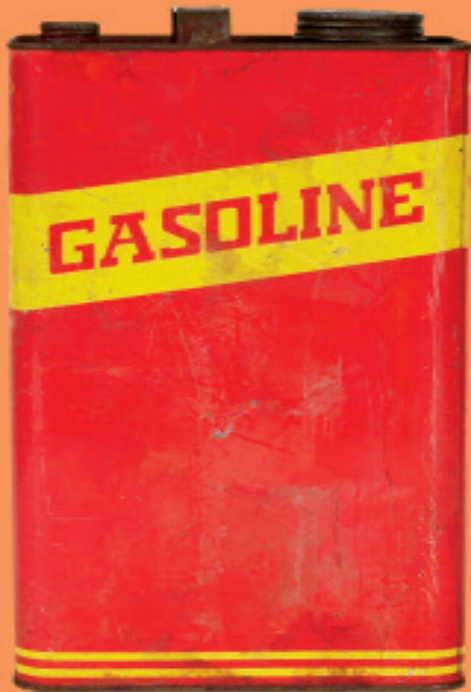
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We are pleased to offer North Carolina citizen leaders and government officials a special issue of *Popular Government* devoted to energy and the environment. With gasoline prices high and rising, and with vigorous debates taking place in the state and the nation about renewable energy sources, we think that you will find this set of six articles timely and useful.

The articles benefit from ten charts that are distributed across the issue. The charts were prepared by Dr. Dennis Grady and Jason Hoyle of the Energy Center of Appalachian State University, www.energy.appstate.edu.

Environmental and energy issues are complex. Further, they involve government at the national, state, and local levels; affect a wide range of business and consumer issues; and are critical to everyone's future. The state's energy choices in the next few years will shape the quality of life of North Carolinians for generations to come.

—Richard B. Whisnant and
John B. Stephens, coeditors



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