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Commissioner Wise Calls for Pilot Electric Rate to Encourage More Manufacturing in Georgia

Atlanta, March 6, 2012 – Georgia Public Service Commissioner Stan Wise today called on Georgia Power Company to file with the Commission a pilot rate for electric arc furnace (EAF) manufacturing plants. “Manufacturing is an important piece of Georgia’s economy,” said Wise. “I’ve worked with my colleagues to go ahead and encourage additional manufacturing resources, increase jobs in Georgia and provide support for these well-paid jobs that come from the manufacturing community. We need to keep our local companies competitive, not only to compete in Georgia and the southeast but to allow them to compete on a global basis as well.”

Commissioner Wise added that a key point of the pilot is that it must not shift costs to other ratepayers. The pilot program, if the Commission approves, would allow steel mill manufacturers in Georgia to increase their production during peak hours at a lower rate. This action, Wise says, would allow the manufacturer to sell more steel, become more profitable and increase jobs.

Wise is proposing that the pilot program run during the billing months of January 2012 through December 2012. The program would be evaluated after September 2012 to determine if:

- It was successful in encouraging an increase in annual production
- Assure that no costs were shifted to other customers as a result of the new rate

Commissioner Wise is a past President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and currently is a member of the NARUC Board of Directors. He is serving in his third term on the Georgia Public Service Commission and previously served as Commission Chairman in 1997, 1999, 2006 and 2011. Commissioner Wise’s full biography is available on the Commission web site at <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/pscinfo/bios/wise.asp>

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