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### **Commission Clarifies Qualifications for Grants to Low-Income Senior Citizen Natural Gas Customers**

ATLANTA, February 15, 2011 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) is clarifying the qualifications needed to receive the grant for low-income senior citizen natural gas customers in the Atlanta Gas Light delivery area. The Commission approved this grant at their January 18, 2011 Administrative Session. The Commission directed that \$4 million from the natural gas universal service fund be used to provide these grants to low-income senior citizens. Another \$1 million will be distributed to the Salvation Army for low income natural gas customers.

Eligible senior citizens must be receiving the senior citizen discount on their natural gas bill from their natural gas marketer in order to receive this grant. If they are not signed up for this discount, they have until this **Friday February 18, 2011** to contact their natural gas marketer and sign up. In order to qualify for the low-income discount, senior citizens must be 65 years of age or older, receive less than \$14,355 income a year and the natural gas account must be in their name.

In addition, senior citizens who have already received assistance from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or LIHEAP or any type of heating assistance during the 2010/2011 winter heating season are not eligible for this grant.

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