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### **Lifeline Awareness Week is September 8-14, 2014**

ATLANTA, September 3, 2013 – The Georgia Public Service Commission joins with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in announcing September 8-14, 2014 as National Lifeline Awareness Week in Georgia. Access to local emergency services and community resources is vital to all residents. Lifeline helps low income consumers connect to the nation's communications networks, find jobs, access health care services, connect with family, and call for help in an emergency. For some, a local phone can be the difference between social connection and complete isolation.

Under the federal Lifeline program, telephone customers who participate or are eligible for certain public assistance programs are entitled to receive a basic telephone service discount of at least \$9.25 per month. More information on program eligibility, rules and key messages is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/lifeline/outreach>.

To sign up, consumers should contact their prospective telecommunications provider. Consumers should be aware that not all providers offer the Lifeline discount and should contact any potential provider before making a commitment. Consumers can find more information at <http://www.fcc.gov/lifeline/outreach>. Consumers can find Lifeline providers by State ([www.lifelinesupport.org](http://www.lifelinesupport.org)) and a Lifeline Eligibility pre-screening tool (<http://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/am-i-eligible.aspx>).

NARUC is the national association representing the state public service commissioners who regulate essential utility services in their states. NARUC members are responsible for assuring reliable utility service at fair, just, and reasonable rates. Founded in 1889, the Association is an invaluable resource for its members and the regulatory community, providing a venue to set and influence public policy, share best practices, and foster innovative solutions to improve regulation.

The Georgia Public Service Commission is a five-member constitutional agency that exercises its authority and influence to ensure that consumers receive safe, reliable, and reasonably-priced telecommunications, electric and natural gas service from financially viable and technically competent companies.

For more information on the Commission, see the Commission web site at [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us).

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