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### **Commission Approves Increase in Household Income Level for Senior Citizen Discounts for Natural Gas Marketer and Liberty Utilities Customers** *More Senior Citizens Will Be Eligible*

ATLANTA, August 8, 2018 – Tuesday’s Georgia Public Service Commission decision means that more low-income senior citizens will be able to take advantage of the discount offered on their natural gas bills. The Commission unanimously approved an increase in the household income used to qualify for the low-income senior citizen discount on their natural gas marketer (Atlanta Gas Light Company territory) and Liberty Utilities natural gas bills. To qualify, the customer must be 65 years of age or older with a total annual household income of 200% or less of the single person household as published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services. The service must be in the customer’s name and customer’s primary residence must be the service address. The discount is limited to one meter and one address.

For the first time, the eligible income level will be the same for the state’s natural gas and electric investor owned utilities. The decision brings the two natural gas utilities income levels in line with the senior low-income income level currently used by Georgia Power Company.

“I first asked for our staff, the utilities and consumer advocates to collaborate on this issue in 2017. I am pleased that we can now rectify the disparity between our utilities and offer more Georgia utility customers this discount,” said Commissioner Chuck Eaton.

To qualify for the senior discount, the natural gas bill must be in the senior citizen’s name; the applicant must be 65 or older; the service must be individually metered and only for the metered address.

Eligible customers should contact their natural gas marketer or Liberty Utilities to apply for the discount. Forms are also available on the Commission web site at [http://www.psc.state.ga.us/consumer\\_corner/cc\\_advisory/seniordiscount.asp](http://www.psc.state.ga.us/consumer_corner/cc_advisory/seniordiscount.asp).

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