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**Commission encourages individuals to visit libraries to learn more about natural gas deregulation.**

**ATLANTA-** In an effort to help continue to educate consumers who have questions on the deregulated natural gas market in Georgia, the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) has provided to libraries in Brunswick, Savannah, Augusta, Macon, Rome, Valdosta and Atlanta with information packets that outline and explain charges on bills, frequently asked questions about deregulation, and general information on the state's certified marketers.

Furthermore, the Commission encourages individuals to utilize World Wide Web access at these libraries as well as at other libraries around the state in an effort to obtain this information. They can do so by visiting the Commission Web Site at [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us).

"I encourage the individuals left who have not yet chosen a marketer to visit these local libraries and our Web Site to obtain information on the process of choosing a natural gas marketer", commented Public Service Commission Chairman Stan Wise. "For if they do not choose a marketer by the August 11, 1999 deadline, we will randomly assign them to one of the 19 certified natural gas marketers in the state" he added.

Under Senate Bill 215, which passed during the 1997 General Assembly, Atlanta Gas Light Company will no longer directly sell natural gas to Georgia's consumers although they will continue to operate, maintain, construct and own its gas delivery system in Georgia. Subsequent legislation passed during this year's (1999) General Assembly mandates that the PSC randomly assign consumers to marketers once they have determined that fair and "adequate market conditions exists". This past spring the Commission determined that these market conditions exist and will begin the random assignment process on August 11, 1999.

**PRESS NOTE:** Interested press can view the material by accessing the consumer corner section of the Public Service Commission Web Site.

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