

PSC Releases Results of Y2K Utility Readiness

ATLANTA—In its continued effort to ensure the state's utilities are prepared for any computer related problems associated with the roll over to January 01, 2000 (referred to as Y2K), the Georgia Public Service Commission today released the results of its selected onsite Y2K readiness reviews of utility service providers in Georgia.

Although the PSC has conducted Y2K preparedness surveys of every utility in the state as part of the Governor's Y2K Interagency Task Force, the Commission selected to review in greater depth the largest electric, natural gas, and telecommunications utilities in the state as well as a sampling of the smaller public and private electric and natural gas and telecommunications utilities statewide.

The report, which can be found at the PSC's website www.psc.state.ga.us, states that in every case it appears that utilities subject to these reviews are not likely to experience Y2K-related interruptions in service due to anything under their control. Further, it reports that most utilities have developed contingency plans to allow them to provide service if problems are encountered.

"Our staff, with the assistance of some external consultants, have done a tremendous job of working with the state's utilities to ensure that the service they provide to Georgians will not be disrupted due to any computer related problems associated with the Year 2000," commented PSC Chairman Stan Wise.

"We at the Commission were also very pleased that most of the utilities, including the major providers in the state, have strong contingency plans in place in case any problems in service, whether Y2K related or not, occur on or about January 01, 2000," Wise added.

The Commission will continue to work with the Governor's Task Force in preparing final Y2K survey results of all the state's utilities. Previous survey results and reports to the Governor can be found at the website www.year2000ga.org.