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Commission Adopts Emergency Rules for Switching Natural Gas Marketers and Gas Disconnection

ATLANTA – The Public Service Commission today adopted emergency rules to help residential natural gas customers change natural gas marketers. The Commission also unanimously issued an order prohibiting residential gas disconnections until April 1, 2001.

Residential consumers would be able to change marketers once a month provided the switch is successfully processed before the 20th of the month, the cut-off date as established in Atlanta Gas Light Company's Commission approved tariffs.

Customers would be able to switch regardless of their collection status with their current marketer. Customers who are shut off for non-payment to a certified marketer would not be obligated to pay that marketer before they switch to a new marketer. However, customers remain obligated to pay any money owed to the previous marketer.

Consumers would have to pay a \$7.50 switch fee if they change more than once during a twelve (12) month period.

These rules will remain in effect for sixty (60) days from the date of adoption and apply only to residential natural gas customers. After 60 days the Commission will re-evaluate continuation of the emergency rules.

The moratorium on gas disconnections applies only to residential customers and will be in effect until April 1, 2001.

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