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**COMMISSION APPROVES REFUND FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS ON  
MARCH GAS BILLS**

**ATLANTA** – The Public Service Commission today unanimously approved an additional \$50 refund for low-income senior citizens on their natural gas bills for the March billing cycle. Those eligible for this refund must be 65 years of age or older and have an annual household income of \$10,000 or less.

The approximately \$1.5 million of which this refund will be comprised will come from the Universal Service Fund, bringing to \$42.4 million the total amount of refunds given to consumers from this source by the Commission this year. Low-income seniors are already receiving \$10 refunds on their January, February and March gas bills while all consumers are receiving \$14 refunds on their February and March gas bills.

Commission Chairman Lauren “Bubba” McDonald, Jr. also requested that an unofficial opinion be obtained from the Attorney General’s Office whether marketers are authorized under law to charge sales tax for non-commodity services, such as distribution services, customer services and other charges that customer must pay even when the customers uses no gas.

Commissioner Robert Baker, Jr. asked Commission staff to prepare for discussion at the March 1 committee meetings a proposal to raise the low income limit from the current \$10,000 a year. The current income limit has seen no change since 1988.

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