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## COMMISSION APPROVES AGL NETWORKS; TRANSFER OF RELIANT CUSTOMERS

ATLANTA – The Public Service Commission today approved the request of AGL Networks' request to provide Competitive Local Exchange services and install an "unlit" or dark fiber optic network in Georgia. AGL Networks is a wholly owned, indirect subsidiary of AGL Resources, Inc., which is a utility holding company whose subsidiaries and affiliates operate predominately in the natural gas and service industries. The Commission's order prohibits any cross subsidization between AGL Networks and its parent or affiliated companies within or outside Georgia. If AGL Networks later wishes to provide "lit" or active fiber optic service, it must first seek Commission approval.

The Commission also approved the transfer of more than 7,400 natural gas customers of Reliant Energy to the New Power Company effective May as Reliant will no longer provide residential and commercial natural gas services in Georgia. The Commission approved the transfer with several conditions. One, customers are free to change to another marketer and will not be charged a switch fee nor would their "free switch" be affected. Second, New Power must honor all of Reliant's existing contracts and must notify all customers of their transfer by letter. Finally, the letter must tell customers they are under no obligation to stay with New Power unless they are currently under a contractual agreement with Reliant.

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