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Commission Approves Reduction In Long Distance Charges

ATLANTA – The Public Service Commission today unanimously approved the agreement between BellSouth and AT&T that will save Georgia consumers and businesses \$19 million a year in long distance charges. The lower fees will be effective July 15, 2001.

The Commission's decision will reduce "access charges", the fees BellSouth collects from AT&T and other companies for originating and completing long distance calls. The access charge reductions will result in lower long distance charges from long distance providers. This agreement covers access charges for calls made within the state of Georgia.

Commissioner Stan Wise praised the agreement, saying "I want to commend BellSouth and AT&T for working to lower the phone bills of Georgia consumers and businesses."

Georgia will have among the lowest regional Bell operating company rates in the nation and the lowest in the southeast.

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