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**PSC Sets Timetable for Hearings In AGLC Earnings Review; Approves AGLC
Disconnection Charge; Sets Hearing In Jonesboro Explosion Incident**

ATLANTA – The Public Service Commission (PSC) today unanimously voted to establish a schedule for hearings in an earnings review for Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC). These hearings are scheduled for November 5-9, December 17-21, 2001 and February 11-15, 2002 with a Commission decision scheduled for March 14, 2001. In requesting that hearings be scheduled, the Commission staff asserts that AGLC is earning 4 to 7 % above its authorized return on equity (ROE) of 11%. The Commission staff, AGLC and any intervening parties will be allowed to present evidence and give testimony about AGLC's earnings.

The Commission also approved an AGLC request to charge natural gas marketers a \$10 fee per disconnection if AGLC exceeds 1,200 disconnections a day. However the Commission also required AGLC to account for the expenditure of the monies received and file a monthly report detailing the number of disconnections.

In other action, the Commission set a November 1, 2001 hearing to consider allegations that Target Directional Boring of Blairsville, Georgia, violated the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act. The allegations stem from an August 28, 2000 explosion at a residence at 9159 Woodgreen Way, Jonesboro, Georgia that totally destroyed this residence and damaged several adjacent homes.

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