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PSC Supports BellSouth's Request To Enter The Long Distance Market

ATLANTA – The Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC or the Commission) today unanimously voted its support of BellSouth's application for entry into the long distance market. The Commission found that BellSouth has complied with the requirements set forth under Section 271 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Over the past six years, the PSC has initiated numerous major dockets to gauge various aspects of BellSouth's compliance with the Act. The Company will now have to petition the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for formal authority to enter the interstate long distance market. The FCC will make the ultimate decision on whether BellSouth has complied with the federal law.

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