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PSC Adopted Modifications To Low-Income Assistance Plan

ATLANTA –Today, the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC or the Commission) approved modifications to the senior citizen low-income assistance program at its Administrative Session. The modifications included naming the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) as the third-party who will disburse the funds from the Universal Service Fund to the natural gas marketers on behalf of the senior citizens and adopting DHR's definition of low-income for disbursing \$2,000,000 in matching grants.

The Commission adopted the assistance program at its October 2, 2001, Administrative Session in order to help senior citizens age 65 and over who meet certain income requirements to receive assistance in paying their natural gas bills over the next five months.

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