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Burgess Takes Helm As Chairman Of Georgia Public Service Commission

ATLANTA – Effective January 1, 2002, Public Service Commissioner David L. Burgess will serve as chairman of the five-member utility regulatory board for a one-year term. He becomes the first African-American to chair the Commission.

Commissioner Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Jr. will serve as vice-chair.

Chairman Burgess also announced the following Committee assignments: Commissioner Stan Wise will head the Energy Committee, Commissioner Robert B. Baker will chair the Telecommunications Committee, and Commissioner McDonald will head the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Committee. In his capacity as Chairman, Burgess will head the Administrative Affairs Committee.

Governor Roy E. Barnes appointed Commissioner Burgess to fill a vacant Commission seat on April 8, 1999. He was elected to a full six-year term in November 2000.

Commissioner Burgess' full biography can be found on the Commission website: http://www.psc.state.ga.us/pscinfo/burgess.htm.

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