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**PSC TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A  
REGULATED NATURAL GAS PROVIDER**

ATLANTA—At its April 2, 2002, Administrative Session, the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) approved the content and issuance of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a regulated natural gas provider. Pending legislation requires the Commission to select a regulated provider of natural gas by July 1, 2002, using a competitive RFP process.

The Commission is issuing an RFP prior to the passage of either House Bill 1568 or Senate Bill 500 to ensure that the anticipated July 1 deadline is met. Depending upon the outcome of the legislation, the PSC may amend or withdraw this RFP.

Both of the pending bills create a regulated provider to serve two groups of natural gas customers: 1) low-income residential consumers; and, 2) consumers who have been refused service by a marketer due to utility credit or payment history.

Certificated natural gas marketers are eligible to submit proposals by the May 7 deadline. Selection criteria will include rates, terms and conditions, as well as financial viability and technical expertise. Once in place the Commission will conduct annual performance reviews of the regulated provider, which can serve in this capacity from one to three years.

If no acceptable proposals are filed, the Commission would be authorized to designate any other consenting gas or electric utility that holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity to be the regulated provider.

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