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**Commission Approves Southern Company Gas As Certified Natural Gas Marketer
And Transfer Of New Power Customers**

ATLANTA – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved the application of Southern Company Gas LLC for certification as a natural gas marketer serving residential and business customers in Georgia. The vote to approve was 5-0. Commission Chairman David L. Burgess said, “I am cautiously optimistic about having a new entry in the marketplace with the strengths of the Southern Company and its subsidiaries. This decision brings another meaningful player into the marketplace and will give natural gas customers in Georgia another choice in the deregulated environment.”

The Commission also approved New Power’s petition to transfer its customers to Southern Company Gas. The Commission held a hearing to consider issues related to these requests on July 16, 2002.

Georgia law requires a company to obtain from the Commission a certificate of authority before providing natural gas service to residential and business customers. Southern Company Gas LLC is a subsidiary of the Southern Company, which is the parent of Georgia Power Company and Savannah Electric and Power Company.

Southern Company Gas customer service representatives are available at 1-866-SOCO-GAS (1-866-762-6427) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Customers can also get more information from their website: www.southerncompanygas.com.

A complete listing of natural gas marketers in Georgia can be found on the Commission’s website at: <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/gas/marketers.htm>

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