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### News Release

#### **PSC Approves Walton EMC Affiliate As Natural Gas Marketer**

ATLANTA, October 1, 2002 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) today unanimously approved Walton Energy, Inc.'s application to be a natural gas marketer. Walton Energy, Inc. is a subsidiary of Walton Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), a consumer-owned utility with 99,000 accounts in ten Northeast Georgia counties between Atlanta and Athens, with headquarters in Monroe, Georgia.

Walton Energy, Inc. is the first EMC affiliate to receive a natural gas marketer certificate of authority under legislation approved during the 2002 Georgia General Assembly. Georgia law requires an entity to obtain from the Commission a certificate of authority before providing natural gas service to residential and business customers.

Walton Energy, Inc. customer service representatives are available at 1-800-342-6582 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Customers can also get more information from the Walton EMC website: <http://www.waltonemc.com>

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

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