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NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Wise Elected First Vice-President of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

ATLANTA, November 18, 2002– Georgia Public Service Commissioner Stan Wise was elected First Vice-President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) at the Association's just completed Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois. After an annual nominating process, Wise, from Cobb County, should assume the NARUC presidency at the conclusion of the Association's Annual Convention here in Atlanta, November 16-19, 2003.

NARUC, founded in 1889, is a non-profit corporation that includes governmental agencies of all 50 states and of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers. The role of NARUC is becoming increasingly important as many issues involve Congress and the federal regulatory agencies.

Commissioner Wise won re-election to his second six-year term on the Commission in November 2000. He served as Commission Chairman in 1997 and 1999. He was first elected to public office as a Cobb County Commissioner in 1990. Wise is a past President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) and serves on the Gas Committee of NARUC. He is also chair of the advisory council to the Gas Technical Institute. He currently serves on the Cobb Educational Foundation Board.

Wise earned his B.S. in Business Management from Charleston Southern University in 1974. He and his wife, Denise, have been married for 28 years and have two children. His daughter Lindsay attends Georgia Southern University and his son Adam attends Georgia Perimeter College.