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### **News Release**

#### **Baker Takes Over As Chair Of Public Service Commission**

ATLANTA, January 2, 2003 – Georgia Public Service Commissioner Robert Baker, Jr. will serve as Chairman of the five-member utility regulatory board during 2003.

Baker has been a member of the Commission since 1993 following his election as the first Republican elected to a statewide office since Reconstruction. He was re-elected in 1998. Baker grew up in DeKalb County and graduated from Oglethorpe University with honors. He received his law degree from the University of Georgia.

After graduating from law school, Commissioner Baker joined the Southeastern Legal Foundation, a regional conservative public interest law firm, and later entered private practice.

In 1994 Bobby Baker became the first Republican to serve as Chairman of the Public Service Commission. In 1998 he served his second term as chairman. During his tenure on the PSC he has worked aggressively to develop competitive markets for utility services, reduce regulation and expand toll free calling in Georgia.

Commissioner H. Doug Everett will be serving as Vice Chairman of the Commission in 2003 before he becomes Chairman in 2004.

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