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### **News Release**

#### **Commission Announces Changes in No Call Program That Is a Win-Win for Consumers**

ATLANTA, August 15, 2003– The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today announces that beginning November 1, 2003 Georgia residential and wireless telephone customers can sign up at no cost for the Georgia list when they also register their phone numbers with the new Do Not Call lists maintained by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). There is no fee to register on the federal lists. Consumers can register with the federal lists on-line at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or by calling toll-free 1-888-382-1222. Georgia residential and wireless telephone customers will no longer have to pay the \$5 fee to be on the Georgia No Call List. Registration on the federal list is for a five year period.

The move will save about \$500,000 in this year's Commission budget. "This a win-win situation for Georgia consumers," according to Commission Chairman Robert B. Baker, "we have found a way to save the taxpayers money while increasing our services to the consumer."

The Governor's Office of Consumers Affairs handles all violations reported by Georgia residents. Over 70 companies across the country have paid fines for violations of the No Call legislation in 13 states.

Since becoming operational in 1999, the Georgia No Call List has dramatically limited the number of telemarketing calls that can be placed to the homes of individuals who have registered their objections to receiving these types of calls.

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