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News Release

No Disruption to Georgia No Call List Following Federal Court Ruling

ATLANTA, September 25, 2003– Despite yesterday’s federal court ruling on the National No Call List Registry, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) are continuing to accept registrations for the federal list. Members of Congress have vowed to remedy the problem quickly. The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) is confident that the National Registry will go into effect on October 1, 2003, as planned.

Georgia residential and wireless telephone customers who place their phone numbers on the National Registry maintained by the FCC and FTC automatically will be enrolled at no cost on the Georgia list. There is no fee to register on the federal list. Consumers can place their phone numbers on the National Registry on-line at www.donotcall.gov or by calling toll-free 1-888-382-1222. The registration for the federal and state list will be effective for five (5) years

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. The continued success of this program is not expected to change with introduction of the National Registry.

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