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News Release

Commission Reminds Consumers of Changes to Georgia No Call Program

ATLANTA, December 30, 2003 - The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) reminds Georgia consumers of the changes to the state's No Call Program beginning January 1, 2004. As of this date, Georgia residential and wireless telephone customers will be placed on the Georgia No Call list free of charge simply by registering 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 list. Consumers can register with the federal list on-line at www.donotcall.gov or by calling toll-free 1-888-382-1222. (You must call from the telephone number that will be registered with the list.)

Georgia consumers should register directly with the federal no call list to be automatically registered on the Georgia List. Since the consumer will be on both the state and federal lists, both the state and federal Do Not Call laws will protect them.

To comply with both state and federal No Call requirements, telemarketers must obtain the telephone numbers of subscribers who have registered on National Do Not Call Registry by accessing the FTC's website at www.telemarketing.donotcall.gov. The telephone numbers of all Georgia citizens that have registered for their inclusion on the National No Call Registry can be obtained for each of the seven area codes in use in this state. Telemarketers may access the telephone numbers on the National Registry for up to five area codes at no cost. Beyond that, there is an annual fee of \$25.00 per area code of data, with a maximum annual fee of \$7,375.00 for access to the entire National database.

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

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