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### News Release

#### **PSC Approves Decrease In Telecommunications Relay Surcharge**

June 1, 2004 (Atlanta, Georgia) - The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today unanimously approved a decrease in the monthly surcharge used to fund the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) and the Telecommunications Relay Equipment Distribution Program (TEDP). The surcharge will be reduced to \$0.10 per month per telephone access line, a decrease of \$0.05 per month per access line, effective August 1, 2004 or the first billing cycle after that date.

This surcharge allows the Commission to meet its statutory obligation to provide access for hearing and speech impaired persons to the public switched telecommunications network via the Georgia Relay. The surcharge also allows the Commission to fund the Telecommunications Relay Equipment Distribution Program which provides, based on financial need, specialized telecommunications equipment to Georgians with physical impairments, such as hearing and speech, that prevents them from using ordinary telecommunications equipment.

Callers can access the Georgia Relay by dialing 7-1-1. More information on Georgia Relay can be found at the website: <http://www.georgiarelay.org/> and on the TEDP at the Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired website: <http://www.gachi.org/>

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