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### News Release

#### **PSC Chairman Accepts Award on Behalf of Georgia Natural Gas Market**

Atlanta, July 29, 2004 — Doug Everett, Chairman of the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission), accepted the Phoenix Award from the Center for the Advancement of Energy Markets (CAEM) on behalf of the Georgia Natural Gas Market during the group's conference in Washington, D.C. on July 28, 2004. CAEM nominated the Georgia Natural Gas Market for its initial Phoenix Award for overcoming the initial implementation challenges and establishing the most effective markets for customer choice not only in the United States but across the globe.

"I am pleased to accept this Award on behalf of those who have contributed to the success of Georgia's deregulated natural gas market," said Everett. In the long run, Georgia's natural gas consumers who have choice and competition are the ultimate winners."

The Phoenix Award is one of the CAEM Leadership Awards presented to organizations and individuals that have had a significant impact on the development of competitive energy markets.

The Center for the Advancement of Energy Markets is an independent, non-profit, public policy think tank founded in May 1999 to promote market-oriented solutions to the challenges that confront the energy industry, other network industries and the nation. CAEM supports an effective transition from the monopoly model of energy regulation to an open-access, customer choice model.

Chairman Everett is serving his first term on the Commission. He was elected in 2002 to a six-year term. The five-member Commission is responsible for the regulation of electric and natural gas utilities and telecommunications providers. The Commission also enforces federal and state natural gas pipeline safety regulations and the state's underground utility facilities protection laws.

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