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Angela Elizabeth Speir Makes History As The First Woman To Chair Georgia Public Service Commission

ATLANTA, January 13, 2005 – Georgia Public Service Commissioner Angela Elizabeth Speir will make history as the first woman to chair the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) when she takes the gavel during the Commission's Administrative Session on January 18, 2005.

"This will be a busy year for the Commission," Commissioner Speir said. "We have Atlanta Gas Light Company and Savannah Electric Company rate request hearings already on the docket and Georgia Power Company will file a request for an increase in their Fuel Cost Recovery Allowance. These cases are in addition to our normal regulatory duties. We have a heavy schedule this year but I look forward to the opportunity to serve the people of Georgia."

Commissioner Speir became the first woman elected to the Commission for a six-year term in November 2002 and the second Republican woman elected to a statewide office. A Georgia native, Commissioner Speir grew up in DeKalb County and graduated from Agnes Scott College with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. She is also a graduate of CEO International.

After graduation from Agnes Scott, Angela Speir served as the Assistant Administrator of the medical complex at the United Methodist Children's Home providing medical aid and counseling to abused children.

She first ran for public office in 1992 as a candidate for the Georgia State Senate.

Ms. Speir's interest in helping others led her to a career in the employment industry. Through positive leadership and mentoring, Ms. Speir is recognized as a leader in the field.

Ms. Speir is a member of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce and the CEO Executive Roundtable. Ms. Speir is a supporter of the Gwinnett County Children's Shelter, The United Methodist Children's Home, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Ms. Speir is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Committee on Telecommunications. Commissioner Speir and her husband reside in Gwinnett County.

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