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### **News Release**

#### **PSC Retains SCANA as Natural Gas Regulated Provider**

Atlanta, June 23, 2005 -- The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved a recommendation that SCANA Energy retain its contract to serve as the Regulated Provider of natural gas for two years beginning September 1, 2005 through August 30, 2007. SCANA has served as the Regulated Provider since the program's inception in September 2002 following legislation enacted by the 2002 Georgia General Assembly. The Regulated Provider provides natural gas service to low-income consumers (Group 1) and to customers who are unable to obtain or maintain natural gas service from other marketers or whose utility payment history is cited as reason for transfer from Group 1 to Group 2 (Group 2).

The new contract will provide savings for senior citizen Group 1 customers. The low-income senior citizen discount rate will decrease by ten cents per therm, the monthly customer service charge for senior citizen Group 1 customers will drop \$1.00 to \$3.95 and the \$100 deposit will be waived for new senior citizen Group 1 customers.

The Regulated Provider serves those customers in the Atlanta Gas Light Company service areas who receive service from one of the ten natural gas marketers.

For more information, use the Docket Search function on the Commission website, [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us), and enter Docket Number 20069.

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