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### **News Release**

#### **PSC Approves Settlement with BellSouth on DSL Service**

Atlanta, August 16, 2005 — The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today in response to recent federal rulings unanimously approved a settlement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Incorporated (BellSouth) to resolve outstanding legal and regulatory issues following Commission decisions requiring BellSouth to offer Digital Subscriber Service (DSL) to consumers who do not have BellSouth residential telephone voice service. In the rulings, both the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Federal Courts have stated that DSL should not be a stand-alone service.

The settlement involves Commission decisions in complaints filed against BellSouth by MCI WorldCom Communications and ITC^DeltaCom Communications, both of whom are Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC). In those complaints, the Commission found BellSouth had violated both state law and its interconnection agreements with the two CLECs. BellSouth later appealed the Commission's decisions to state and federal courts and to the FCC.

Under the terms of the settlement, the Commission will rescind its orders in those two cases. In return, BellSouth will dismiss its pending appeals in the courts within ten days of the effective date of the Commission's order in this decision. BellSouth will continue offering service to any customers currently subscribed to BellSouth DSL through a transition period ending March 11, 2006. BellSouth will provide written notice to any customers who received DSL service following the Commission orders and who could lose that service.

More Information on this issue is found on the Commission website, [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us) under Docket Numbers 11901 and 16583.

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