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PSC Announces Increase in Low-income Discount for Georgia Power Customers

Atlanta, December 7, 2005 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today announces that Georgia Power has volunteered, at the request of the Commission, to move the senior citizen annual income eligibility standard from \$12,000 to \$14,355 to allow more senior citizens to participate in the monthly \$14 discount.

The change in eligibility standards would make an additional 23,333 senior citizens eligible for this discount. Based on the historical number of sign-ups of about 50 percent of those eligible, about 11,666 new participants are projected to sign up for the low-income senior citizen discount.

Commissioner David Burgess said, “Given these times of rising energy prices, we are happy to see Georgia Power provide this immediate benefit for those who need help the most. This action is in direct response to a request to the Commission from the Council on Aging to increase this discount.”

Georgia Power will ask to permanently adjust the eligibility standards as part of its 2007 base rate filing.

Georgia Power will put the new standard in place January 1, 2006. Those eligible based on the new standard can begin signing up January 1, 2006 and will receive the discount on their next monthly bill. Qualified customers who want to sign up for the senior citizen discount can call Georgia Power toll free at 1-888-660-5890.

More information on this issue is found on the Commission website, www.psc.state.ga.us.

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