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PSC Reconsiders Decision in Atmos Energy Rate Case

Atlanta, December 20, 2005 – The Georgia Public Service Commission's (Commission) decision today to reconsider the Atmos Energy (Company) rate case (Docket Number 20298-U) means a slight increase in the company's annual revenues but a negligible effect on the average residential customer's monthly bills. A majority of the Commission voted to increase the Company's rate increase by \$63,772 to correct an accounting error that understated the recommended revenue requirement. The corrected revenue requirement is \$409,277 instead of the \$345,505 approved in the Commission's November 17, 2005 decision in this case.

The remainder of the Commission's decision in this case remains the same.

The Commission's decision on November 17, 2005 approved a \$0.32 a month increase in Atmos Energy residential customers' monthly bills. The Company's original request, filed on May 20, 2005, sought an annual increase in base revenues of \$4.022 million (later revised to a \$4.189 million increase) which the Company said would have increased the average monthly residential bill by about \$4.52 a month. Today's decision on reconsideration will result in Atmos Energy residential customers' monthly bills increasing \$0.38 instead of \$0.32.

Atmos Energy serves approximately 70,000 customers in Gainesville and Columbus. More information on this issue is found on the Commission website, www.psc.state.ga.us.

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