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Commissioner Stan Wise Assumes Chair of Georgia Public Service Commission

ATLANTA, January 4, 2006 – Commissioner Stan Wise begins his one-year term as Chairman of the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) for 2006. This will be his third tenure as Chair, having previously chaired the Commission in 1997 and 1999.

Wise has served on the five-member regulatory panel since being elected in November 1994. He won re-election to his second six-year term on the Commission in November 2000. Commissioner Wise is a nationally recognized expert on energy matters, having testified numerous times before Congress. He is an active participant in the National Association of Regulator Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and served as NARUC President in 2003-2004. He is also a past President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) and serves on the International Relations Committee and Gas Committee of NARUC.

Commissioner Wise believes the coming year will present Georgia and the Commission with many challenges and opportunities. “Rising energy prices continue to affect all Georgians as we seek to diversify our energy sources and fashion a comprehensive energy policy. We will be implementing many provisions of the recently passed Energy Act of 2005 as well as dealing with the merger of the state’s two investor owned electric utilities.”

He was first elected to public office as a Cobb County Commissioner in 1990 and had previously served that county as a member of the Cobb County Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Wise was a Board Member of the ten-county Atlanta Regional Commission from 1992-1994. He is a member of the U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Advisory Board. He currently serves on the Cobb County Public Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.

He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Cobb YMCA, the Boys Club of Cobb County and the Advisory Board of the North Georgia Law Enforcement Academy. He owned and operated an insurance business in Cobb County for twenty years. Wise was awarded his B.S. in Business Management from the Charleston Southern University in 1974. He and his wife Denise have two grown children.

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