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PSC Approves Increase in Senior Low-Income Discount for Atlanta Gas Light Base Charge; Certifies New Natural Gas Marketer

Atlanta, February 7, 2006 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today unanimously approved a recommendation to increase the low-income senior citizen annual income eligibility standard from \$12,000 to \$14,355 to allow more senior citizens to participate in the monthly discount of up to \$14 on their Atlanta Gas Light base charge. Qualified low-income senior citizens could save as much as \$168 annually on their natural gas bills.

The change in eligibility standards would make an additional 14,000 senior citizens age 65 or older eligible for this discount. This discount applies only to those senior citizens in the Atlanta Gas Light distribution area.

Commission Vice-Chairman David Burgess said, “Given these times of rising energy prices, we are pleased that the Commission and Atlanta Gas Light Company have worked together to provide this immediate benefit for those who need help the most. We urge all senior citizens who believe they qualify for this discount to contact their natural gas marketer immediately.”

In other action, the Commission approved the application of Catalyst Energy LLC (Catalyst) for a natural gas marketer certificate of authority. Catalyst is a start-up company with its application for certification as a natural gas marketer being its first business venture. Catalyst Energy LLC is based in Cobb County.

The Commission held a hearing on Catalyst’s financial and technical capabilities as a natural gas marketer on January 10, 2006.

The Commission’s approval imposes several conditions on Catalyst’s application:

- Catalyst must file monthly financial statements beginning 45 days after the Commission approves its interim certificate.
- The Commission will review Catalyst Energy’s performance at its first regular Administrative Session in May.

Catalyst will serve natural gas customers in the Atlanta Gas Light Company delivery areas and becomes the 11th natural gas marketer serving natural gas customers in Georgia.

More information on this issue is found on the Commission website, www.psc.state.ga.us., under Docket Number 21626-U.

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