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PSC Approves Distribution of Additional Funds to Assist Natural Gas Customers

Atlanta, April 18, 2006 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved the distribution of more than \$400,000 to provide additional assistance grants to low-income natural gas customers across the state of Georgia in the Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) delivery areas.

The assistance would be provided under the following Commission approved guidelines:

- Low-income senior citizens with outstanding balances on their natural gas bills would be eligible for a one time grant of the past due balance or \$1,000 whichever is less.
- Low-income senior citizens with budget billing variances that exceed \$1,000 would also be eligible for the grants.
- An amendment by Commissioner Robert Baker requires that any grants over \$500 would be matched dollar for dollar by the customer's natural gas marketer.
- The Salvation Army will be the Commission's partner for distributing the funds designated for financial assistance.

In addition, senior citizens with a past due balance of more than \$1,000 and a DDDC factor of 2.5 would have their account paid up to a \$500 cap. They would also be referred to the Home and Heartwarming service provider to provide weatherization service and/or furnace replacement before November 1, 2006.

The Commission designated the funds used for this financial assistance from the Customer Education component of the Atlanta Gas Light Energy Conservation Program established in the Atlanta Gas Light Company 2005 Rate Case, Docket Number 18638-U.

You can find more information on this issue on the Commission web site, www.psc.state.ga.us under Docket Number 18638.

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