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PSC Approves Agreement on Distribution of Funds for Natural Gas Assistance

Atlanta, July 5, 2006 – An estimated 1,300 low-income households will be eligible for assistance following the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) vote today to unanimously approve a Commission staff recommendation that will allow the Salvation Army to distribute more than \$444,445.00 to needy households who still owe money on this winter's natural gas heating bills. The agreement directs Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) to sign a contract with the Salvation Army to distribute the funds. Consumers are asked not to contact the Salvation Army at this time as details of the agreement between AGLC and the Salvation Army are still being worked out.

The Commission will require AGLC to file monthly and quarterly reports generated by the Salvation Army.

The funds are part of the remaining balance of the \$1 million the Commission required AGLC to use to provide low income assistance. The remaining balance of more than \$192,000 will be carried over into Year Two of the program. 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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