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PSC Allocates Additional Funds for Low-income Seniors; Approves Revised Schedule for Georgia Power Fuel Case Proceedings

Atlanta, October 17, 2006 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today extended financial assistance to an additional 161 eligible low-income senior citizens to help pay their winter natural gas bills. These low-income seniors who are natural gas customers in the Atlanta Gas Light Company delivery area will receive a \$150 credit on their November gas bills. The Commission had previously approved on March 21, 2006 the disbursement of \$5.1 million in assistance from the Universal Service Fund which was applied to eligible senior citizens' April natural gas bills. The Commission unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner David Burgess. The total amount of assistance approved by today's vote is \$24,150. Nearly 35,000 low-income senior citizens have received this credit under Docket Number 12897.

In other action, the Commission approved a revised schedule for proceedings in the Georgia Power Company Fuel Cost Recovery case, Docket 23540. The revised Procedural and Scheduling Order, sets out the following schedule:

- Georgia Power will file its revised Fuel Cost calculations by November 13, 2006.
- Commission staff and intervenors file testimony by January 11, 2007.
- Georgia Power files rebuttal testimony by January 18, 2007.
- The Commission will hold hearings on January 23 and 24, 2007.
- The Commission will render its decision at its regular Administrative Session on February 6, 2007.

Under Georgia law, the Commission must issue a decision in a Fuel Cost Recovery proceeding within 90 days from the date the Company files its request.

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