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PSC Approves Transfer of Commerce Energy Customers to Georgia Natural Gas

Atlanta, November 8, 2006 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the transfer of Commerce Energy, Inc. (Commerce) retail natural gas customers to Georgia Natural Gas (GNG) at its November 7, 2006 Administrative Session.

According to a public filing with the Commission, Commerce currently serves approximately 6,500 retail natural gas customers in Georgia. On October 11, 2006 Commerce and GNG entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement under which Commerce agreed to transfer nearly all of its customers to GNG.

The Commission approved the transfer subject to the following conditions:

- 1. As required by Commission Rule 515-7-3-.04, GNG and Commerce will jointly send all affected customers a customer notification letter. The notice will be sent 30 days in advance of the transfer to GNG and will advise customers of the date that they will be transferred to GNG, the fact that they will be transferred to GNG, that they have a right to select a marketer of their choice without charge prior to the switch date, and the rates, terms and conditions of service which GNG will be offering them.
- 2. Pursuant to Commission Rule 515-7-3-.04(13) (b), the customers' right to one free annual switch will not be effected by the transfer to GNG. In the event a customer selects another marketer rather than be switched to GNG, GNG will pay to Atlanta Gas Light Company ("AGLC") any applicable switch fee so that the customer maintains its free annual switch. In the event that a customer is switched to GNG and then selects another marketer within the same calendar year and a switching charge is incurred as a result, GNG will pay AGLC any applicable switching fees so that the customer maintains its annual free switch.
- 3. GNG will continue to honor Commerce's fixed rate agreements for the length of each agreement. For residential customers on a variable price plan, GNG will honor the Commerce current DDDC charge. Variable rate customers will also be free to switch to any other GNG plan for which they qualify.

The Commission issued a natural gas marketer certificate of authority to GNG on October 6, 1998 in Docket Number 9574-U. The Commission issued a certificate to Commerce on July 6, 2005,

Docket Number 20504-U. You can find more information on this proceeding under Docket Numbers 9574 and 20504 on the Commission web site, www.psc.state.ga.us.

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