



Contact: Stan Wise
Phone 404-657-4574
www.psc.state.ga.us

Georgia Public Service Commission

244 Washington St S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Phone: 404-656-4501
Toll free: 800-282-5813

For Immediate Release

41-06

From the Office of Commissioner Stan Wise NEWS RELEASE

Commissioner Wise Requests Georgia Power to Explore Placing of Telecommunication Facilities on Electric Transmission Structures

Atlanta, December 5, 2006 – Commissioner Stan Wise, Chairman of the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission), is requesting that Georgia Power Company (Company) investigate the possibility of allowing telecommunications communities to place communications facilities, such as cellular telephone antennas, on the Company's electric transmission facilities.

“I have become aware that some utilities are working with communications companies and cell phone carriers to allow them to place their antennas on their existing transmission structures. Surely, with the growing issues surrounding sighting and building new cell towers, a program like this would have some societal benefits as well as provide revenue that could be used to benefit ratepayers,” said Wise.

Commissioner Wise is requesting that the Company report back to the Commission on this request within 45 days.

Commissioner Wise is serving as chairman of the Georgia Public Service Commission for 2006. He is completing his second six-year term on the Commission, having been first elected in 1994. He was re-elected last month to his third term on the Commission. He previously served as Commission Chairman in 1997 and 1999. He is also a past President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

###