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PSC Stops Buzz Telecom from Doing Business in Georgia and Launches Formal Investigation into Charges of Slamming, Fraud and Deceptive Practices

Atlanta, December 19, 2006 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today suspended Buzz Telecom's certificate, effectively terminating the Company's operation in Georgia. The Commission also launched a formal investigation into charges that Buzz has slammed customers and engaged in other deceptive business practices. Slamming is the illegal switching of a consumers' long distance carrier without permission.

The Commission has received more than 140 complaints this year from consumers, many of whom are senior citizens, regarding Buzz Telecom's business practices.

"This appears to be a bad company doing bad things to good people," said Commission Chairman Stan Wise.

The Commission will continue its investigation into complaints against the Company and its affiliates, Business Options, Inc., Ultimate Medium Communications Corporation and UMCC Holdings, Inc. A hearing is scheduled for February 28, 2007. Based on the findings presented at the hearing, the Commission will decide whether to permanently revoke the Company's certificate, to impose penalties, or to require restitution to affected consumers.

The Commission granted Buzz Telecom a certificate as a reseller of long distance telephone service in March 2004. Buzz Telecom is based in Merrillville, Indiana. Six other states have either taken action against the Company or launched investigations. The Federal Communications Commission has also cited Buzz for slamming.

Consumers who believe their service has been slammed or have received bills from Buzz Telecom, UMCC or Business Options are advised to do the following:

- Do not pay the bill
- Contact the PSC to file a slamming or deceptive practices complaint
- Check with their local telephone service provider to verify that their long distance service is being provided by their preferred carrier. If not, ask the local carrier to switch their long distance service to their preferred carrier and place a primary interexchange carrier (PIC) freeze on their phone number to assure that their service cannot be switched without their

explicit consent.

Consumers may contact the Georgia Public Service Commission by e-mail, fax, telephone or letter as listed below.

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You can find more information on this proceeding on the Commission web site, www.psc.state.ga.us under Docket Number 15968.

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