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Commission Fines City of Monroe \$100,000; Approves New Natural Gas Marketer

ATLANTA, January 16, 2007 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today by unanimous vote approved a fine of \$100,000 against the City of Monroe (Monroe) for violations of state law and Commission rules in failing to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity before extending its natural gas distribution system outside Walton County in Docket Number 22787-U. The Commission also accepted a staff recommendation, with modifications, and approved Monroe's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, Docket Number 22850-U, provided Monroe pays the fine within 75 days of the final date of the order in this docket.

The Commission added two amendments to the staff recommendations in this Docket. The Commission accepted a two-part amendment by Commissioner Doug Everett. The Everett amendment: 1. Accepts the service territory maps as submitted by Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) and; 2. Requires Monroe and AGLC to transfer any natural gas distribution lines the other has constructed in the other's territory within 60 days of the order in this docket. In addition, certain Monroe customers will be transferred to AGLC within 90 days of the order. Monroe must notify any affected customers within ten days.

The Commission also accepted an amendment by Commissioner Robert Baker to require Monroe to file any request to increase rates or change terms and conditions with the Commission.

The Commission's decision follows extensive investigations and hearings in this docket following a complaint filed against Monroe by Atlanta Gas Light Company.

In other action the Commission approved:

1. A certificate of authority for Utility Resource Solutions, L.P. (URS) to engage in retail sales of natural gas to residential and commercial customers within the Atlanta Gas Light (AGLC) delivery area in Docket Number 24023-U. URS has gas certificates in 11 states: West Virginia, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, New York, Florida, California, Connecticut, Illinois, and Massachusetts and is currently providing gas to residential customers in California, Illinois, Indiana, and New York. URS is based in Houston, Texas and is a subsidiary of Texas Energy Ventures, L.L.C. URS becomes the 12th certificated natural gas marketer in the AGLC delivery area.
2. A fine of \$60,000 against Mediacom Communications Corporation for violations of the Georgia Utility Facilities Protection Act.

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