



**Contact: Bill Edge**  
Phone 404-656-2316  
[www.psc.state.ga.us](http://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**

**NEWS RELEASE**

**5-08**

### **PSC Revises Natural Gas Rules; Sets Hearing Schedule in Georgia Power Fuel Case**

ATLANTA, February 5, 2008 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today, on a 4-1 vote, approved a revised Commission rule that prohibits a certificated natural gas marketer from preventing consumers from switching their natural gas service to another marketer or provider. The rule is specifically aimed at ensuring that natural gas customers who live in apartments are not prevented from switching marketers. (Docket Numbers 8044 and 15651)

The rule places restrictions and notification requirements on the natural gas marketers' ability to trade customers; clarifies the administrative procedures for certifying marketers; and expands the financial information each marketer must file with the Commission on a quarterly basis. The rule will take effect 20 days after being filed with the Georgia Secretary of State.

In other action, the Commission approved the schedule for hearing testimony and submitting briefs in the expected Georgia Power Company filing to increase its rates to recover the cost of fuel used to generate electricity. (Docket Number 26794)

Georgia Power is expected to file a petition to increase its fuel cost recovery rates on February 29, 2008. The schedule is as follows:

- February 29, 2008 – Company files briefs and direct testimony
- April 15, 2008 – Commission staff and intervenors file testimony
- April 22, 2008 – Company files rebuttal testimony
- April 29 through 30, 2008 – Commission conducts hearings
- May 9, 2008 – All parties file proposed orders
- May 20, 2008 – Commission issues decision in regular Administrative Session

Under Georgia law, the Commission must issue a decision on Georgia Power's request within 90 days of the Company's filing. The Company is allowed to recover all costs for fuel that are prudently incurred.

You can find more information on these dockets on the Commission web site, [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us).

###