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PSC Approves New Natural Gas Marketer; Sets Schedule for Atmos Rate Case

ATLANTA, April 1, 2008 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved the application of Stream Georgia (Stream) for a natural gas marketer certificate of authority, Docket Number 24849. Stream, an affiliate of its Texas based parent company SGE, has said it will rely upon the Multi-Level Marketing program of its affiliate Ignite to promote its natural gas commodity sales service in Georgia. Stream becomes the 13th currently certificated natural gas marketer in Georgia.

The Commission granted Stream Georgia an interim certificate with four conditions: 1. Provide quarterly reports detailing customer complaints regarding enrollment problems; 2. Provide quarterly reports showing enrollments via Ignite affiliates versus web site, direct calls, etc.; 3. Provide updated training materials if new marketing strategies are introduced; 4. Provide a confidential report on current Ignite associates in Georgia beginning May 1, 2008.

The Commission also voted to review Stream's operations in Georgia after three months and to require Stream to assume full responsibility for the actions of its independent marketing associates in Georgia.

The Commission also adopted a procedural and scheduling order in the Atmos Energy Rate Case, Docket Number 27163. Atmos Energy (Company) filed its request with the Commission on March 20, 2008 to increase its base rates by \$6.1 million annually. If the increase is approved as filed, the Company states that the average Atmos natural gas customer's monthly bill would increase by \$4.70. The Company currently serves approximately 65,000 customers in Columbus and Gainesville.

The schedule of hearings in the case will be as follows:

- June 30-July 2, 2008- The Company presents its direct case
- August 12-14, 2008 – Staff and other intervenors present testimony and evidence
- September 3-4, 2008 – The Company presents its rebuttal case. The hearings will be held in Gainesville, Georgia.
- September 17, 2008- The Commission issues its decision in a Special Administrative Session

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In other action, the Commission rejected a request from SCANA Energy to allow SCANA to engage in discovery to gather information as part of the ongoing Commission proceeding (Rule Nisi) into allegations that SCANA violated state law and Commission rules (Docket Number 26837).

More information on these issues can be found on the Commission website, www.psc.state.ga.us under the appropriate Docket Numbers.

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