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PSC Issues Decision in Atmos Energy Rate Case

ATLANTA, September 17, 2008 –The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today by a majority vote of 3-2 decreased the Atmos Energy Company (Atmos) rate request by \$2.7 million. (Docket Number 27163) The Company had sought an annual revenue increase of \$6.1 million which would have resulted in an estimated monthly increase of \$4.71 on the average residential customer's bill.

Details of the rate case decision include:

- Increase in month residential customer charge from \$7.00 to \$10.50
- Total increase in rates of \$3.4 million
- Return on equity set at 10.7%
- Increase in income level for senior citizen discount to \$14,355 annually

The Commission decision follows three rounds of hearings in Atlanta and Gainesville to receive testimony and evidence in this docket.

Atmos Energy serves about 65,000 customers in Columbus and Gainesville

More information on this issue can be found by accessing the Docket Search on the Commission's website, www.psc.state.ga.us, using Docket Number 27163.

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