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PSC APPROVES HOT WEATHER DISCONNECTION RULE

ATLANTA, December 16, 2008—The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today gave final approval to a proposed rule prohibiting hot weather disconnection under certain conditions. Under the rule as amended, residential electric service could not be disconnected if, prior to 8:00 a.m. on the date of the scheduled disconnection, a National Weather Service Heat Advisory or Excessive Heat Warning is in effect for the county of the scheduled disconnection.

The Commission opened a docket on hot weather disconnections in August 2007 at the urging of Commissioner Angela Speir.

The Commission has had in place since 1979 rules prohibiting disconnections of residential electric service between November 15 and March 15 when the forecasted low temperature for a 24 hour period beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the date of the proposed disconnection is below 32 degrees. Commission rules also specify under what conditions residential electric service can be disconnected, such as nonpayment of bills.

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 25877.

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