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Commissioner Wise Supports Proposed AT&T Purchase of T-Mobile USA

Atlanta, March 21, 2011 – Georgia Public Service Commissioner Stan Wise today issued this statement supporting the AT&T acquisition of T-Mobile USA.

“Georgia has traditionally been a leader in wireless communications and this proposed merger would build off of that and be good for the state. The Georgia wireless market is fiercely competitive and this merger will not affect that. However, it does appear that the merger would result in 4G LTE reaching many rural parts of the state that otherwise might not get the service. The additional broadband coverage that would result from this expansion of LTE would be good for Georgia consumers. I am supportive of the proposed merger because of the benefits that would accrue to Georgians.”

“Additionally, it is my understanding the AT&T Wireless will remain headquartered in Atlanta. It is huge for Atlanta and the state of Georgia that we are home to the largest wireless company in the U.S.”

Commissioner Wise is currently serving as Chairman of the Commission for 2011. He is a past President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and currently is a member of the NARUC Board of Directors. He is serving in his third term on the Georgia Public Service Commission and previously served as Commission Chairman in 1997, 1999 and 2006. Commissioner Wise’s full biography is available on the Commission web site at <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/pscinfo/bios/wise.asp>

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