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Commissioner Wise Reports PSC Approves Georgia Power Policy on Placing of Telecommunication Facilities on Electric Transmission Structures

Atlanta, February 5, 2008 – Commissioner Stan Wise, Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission), applauds the Commission's approval of the Georgia Power Company (Company) policy to allow telecommunications companies to place communications facilities, such as cellular telephone antennas, on the Company's electric transmission facilities. Commissioner Wise first called for Georgia Power to explore the formation of this policy in December 2006. (See news release, <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/newsinfo/releases/2006/120506-sw.pdf>)

"I am extremely pleased that the Commission has approved this program that will have societal benefits as well as provide revenue that could be used to benefit ratepayers," said Wise.

The policy establishes procedures that allow Georgia Power to recover costs associated with leasing space for wireless communications facilities on its transmission facilities while at the same time protecting ratepayers' interests. Ratepayers would receive half of any revenues from the co-location of telecommunications facilities.

"This policy will ensure that ratepayers are treated equitably and that all Company personnel are properly trained in safety procedures," added Commissioner Wise.

There are currently co-location programs operating by 12 utilities in 11 states: California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, North Carolina, Nevada, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Commissioner Wise was first elected to the Georgia Public Service Commission in 1995 and he previously served as Commission Chairman in 1997, 1999 and 2006. He is also a past President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

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