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Commissioner Stan Wise Named to Federal-State Committee to Discuss Competitive Power Procurement

Atlanta, February 8, 2007 – Commissioner Stan Wise, of the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission), is representing state regulatory commissions on a collaborative joint federal-state dialogue on cross-jurisdictional issues related to competitive power procurement, according to officials with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

The discussions will address an issue that cuts across both federal and state jurisdictional authorities, and will be similar to an ongoing collaborative dialogue between FERC and NARUC officials regarding demand response issues.

The pending dialogue is a resumption of discussions begun in 2005 to explore the issue, define solutions and to suggest best practices to meet the challenges of developing new and economical power supplies. After a joint meeting of FERC and NARUC Commissioners in May 2005, subsequent meetings were held at the staff level. The renewed effort will again involve FERC and NARUC Commissioners.

FERC Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher and NARUC President Jim Kerr of the North Carolina Utilities Commission said the discussions aim to meet the challenge of developing new generation in the best interests of ratepayers.

Chairman Kelliher designated FERC Commissioner Marc Spitzer as the federal representative, and NARUC President Kerr named Commissioner Wise and Arizona Corporation Commission Chairman Jeff Hatch-Miller as the state commission representatives.

“Resuming this discussion is of critical importance for both state and federal regulators,” said Commissioner Wise. “As we move forward, we must ensure that, as regulators, we understand the issues that we all face and I believe this forum will help lead us in the right direction. Here in Georgia we have already established an independent evaluator to study competitive power bids and make recommendations to the Commission.”

Commissioner Wise is serving in his third six-year term on the Commission, having been first elected in 1994. He was re-elected in November 2006 to his third term. He previously served as Commission Chairman in 2006, 1999 and 1997. He is also a past President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC).

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