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PSC to Host Two-Day Workshop on Economic Stimulus Funding

Atlanta, March 24, 2009 - On Monday March 30, 2009 and Tuesday March 31, 2009, the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) will host two workshops on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The first day will focus on energy issues covered by the ARRA. The second day will focus on telecommunications and broadband issues. The workshops will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday while Tuesday's session will begin at 10 a.m. Both sessions will take place in Room 110 at 244 Washington Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia.

The focus of the workshops will include discussions of the proper role of the Commission in facilitating the implementation of the ARRA and maximizing the public interest impact of any funds received by the State. Stakeholders ranging from energy and telecommunications companies to customer groups and renewable service providers will be in attendance.

Over the next several weeks, months, and years, the Commission will need to make numerous important policy decisions involving the ARRA. It has the potential to not only directly impact the Commission's decisions in rate cases and Integrated Resource Planning cases (IRP), but will also impact the cost of energy for Georgians and the availability of advanced broadband and smart grid technologies to keep Georgia competitive.

The audio web cast of the meeting is available by going to the Commission website, <http://www.psc.state.ga.us> and clicking on the Audio Broadcast link.

More information on this issue can be found on the Commission web site, www.psc.state.ga.us under the Docket Number 29168.

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