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PSC Considers Proposed Changes in Telephone Directory Rules to Eliminate Mandatory Distribution of Most Printed Directories; Public Comments Requested

Atlanta, March 2, 2010 — The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) is considering proposed changes to Commission rules in response to a request from AT&T Georgia that would eliminate mandatory distribution of printed directories to 18 Georgia communities with populations over 50,000. Commission rules currently require telecommunications companies to print and distribute yearly residential telephone directories, commonly known as “white pages.” Under the proposed amended rule, for communities with combined populations of greater than 50,000, local carriers will not be obligated to distribute printed residential directories, provided that, *upon a customer’s request*, the local exchange carrier would still be required to provide the residential directory free of charge in printed or electronic form. The proposed rules require local exchange companies to provide notice to affected customers prior to discontinuing the distribution of residential directories.

The affected communities are:

Albany	Cumming-Forsyth-Roswell-Alpharetta
Athens	Gwinnett County
Atlanta	Henry County
Augusta-Harlem	Lake Oconee-Reynolds Plantation
Austell-Douglasville-Hiram-Mableton- Powder Springs	Macon-Forsyth
Cherokee-Pickens Counties	Marietta
Clayton-Fayette-Henry Counties	Savannah
Columbus-Hamilton	Warner Robins
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The Commission will receive written comments from all interested parties electronically, by fax, or mail at address below:

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You can find more information on this issue under Docket Number 30569 on the Commission web site at <http://www.psc.state.ga.us>.

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