

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PUTS LIMOUSINE SERVICES ON ALERT

ATLANTA—With less than three weeks left before the city of Atlanta becomes host to scores of rabid football fans during this year's Super Bowl, the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today reiterated their no tolerance policy for unscrupulous limousine companies that may look to price gouge unsuspecting visitors.

Under the law the Commission has the authority to grant and revoke limousine companies' certificates to conduct business in the state as well as establishing a generic rate tariff, or pricing structure, for these companies.

"The Commission wants to ensure that when a visitor comes to Georgia to enjoy this year's Super Bowl they have the most pleasant experience possible and want to come back to our state again and again," Commented Commission Vice Chairman Lauren "Bubba" McDonald. "That is why during the weeks to come we will be monitoring more closely than usual the actions and quotes that are given to consumers by the companies that we have certified. If a company is found to be in violation of Commission rules, they can rest assured that we will act swiftly and justly to punish them," McDonald added.

Possible methods the Commission may undertake to ensure companies are not deviating from their rate tariff include using Commission staff to obtain random quote checks from these companies as well as working directly with out of town visitors who are utilizing a limousine service.

If consumers have a complaint about a limousine service or feel that they are the victims of price gouging during the Superbowl or any other time of the year, they are encouraged to contact the Commission at 404-559-6605.