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**COMMISSION SETS HEARING AGAINST EXCAVATOR IN PIEDMONT
ROAD INCIDENT**

ATLANTA – The Public Service Commission today scheduled a hearing date of March 28, 2001 to hear evidence against B & O Boring, Inc. concerning possible violations of the Georgia Utilities Facilities Protection Act stemming from a July 9, 2000 incident in the 2700 block of Piedmont Road in Atlanta.

In conjunction with the hearing, the complaint alleges that B & O Boring, Inc. cut into a 16-inch water line and a 4-inch natural gas line, causing severe traffic disruption for days and economic losses for area businesses. If B & O Boring is found guilty of the allegations, the company could be fined up to \$15,000 per violation by the Commission.

The hearing will be March 28, 2001 at 10 a.m. in Room 110 at the Commission's offices at 244 Washington St. S.W.

Commission Chairman Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Jr. has also named Commissioner David Burgess to the Georgia Utilities Facilities Protection Advisory Committee as the Commission's representative. The advisory committee, established under the Georgia Utilities Facilities Protection Act of 2000, reviews complaints involving possible violations of the Act and then recommends actions, including possible fines, to the Commission. The advisory committee is an 11-member panel composed of representatives of the facility owners, industry and local and state governments.

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