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**PSC Fines Excavator In Piedmont Road Incident;
Urges Action On Nuclear Waste Facility**

ATLANTA – The Public Service Commission today handed down a \$15,000 fine against B & O Boring, Inc. for violations of the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act. The violations stemmed from a July 9, 2000 incident in the 2700 block of Piedmont Road in Atlanta. In its decision the Commission found that B & O Boring, Inc. violated the law when it struck and damaged a 16-inch water line and a 4-inch natural gas line, causing severe traffic disruption for days and economic losses for area businesses. Specifically, the Commission found that the company “failed to exercise reasonable care while excavating” and “failed to notify the Utilities Protection Center after having damaged and struck utility facilities” as required by the Act.

In other action, the Commission adopted a resolution urging the Bush Administration and Congress to fulfill their obligations in developing an integrated system for the transportation and long-term disposal of spent nuclear fuel. The resolution urges the Department of Energy to submit its Yucca Mountain recommendations to President Bush by the end of this year.

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