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PSC Fines Towing Company

ATLANTA, February 26, 2007 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) fined Silent Night Towing Recovery and Transport, Inc. (Silent Night) of Conley, Georgia \$10,000 in civil penalties and ordered them to pay restitution to consumers in the amount of \$8,475.

At Administrative Session on Friday, the Commission approved a consent agreement signed by Silent Night and Commission staff. The Commission's investigation found that Silent Night had violated state law and Commission rules, including providing false business addresses, improper signage, failing to file proof of proper insurance with the Commission and exceeding the maximum rate tariff approved by the Commission. Silent Night has 90 days to pay the civil penalty to the Commission.

The Commission held a hearing on these complaints on June 28, 2006.

Silent Night does not currently possess the required Commission permit necessary to tow trespassing vehicles without the owners' consent, nor does the company have other state government permits for conducting consensual towing.

You can find more information on this issue on the Commission web site, <u>www.psc.state.ga.us</u> under Docket Number 22641.

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