



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Liquid propane gas and natural gas are essential commodities used by Georgians to heat their homes; and

WHEREAS: There has been a substantial rise in the price of liquid propane gas and natural gas since adjournment of the 2005 General Assembly such that the prices for liquid propane gas and natural gas for 2006 are projected to far exceed the 2005 prices for these commodities; and

WHEREAS: The significant increase in liquid propane gas and natural gas prices have and will continue to financially burden all Georgians who must use these commodities to heat their homes during the winter months; and

WHEREAS: The significant increase in the liquid propane gas and natural gas prices for the winter months of 2006 will result in a windfall to the state in the form of surplus sales and use taxes on these commodities; and

WHEREAS: Under these circumstances where a precipitous inflation in the price of essential commodities results in a windfall in tax revenues to the state, it is incumbent that such a surplus be returned to the taxpayers of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND BY SECTION 45-12-22 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That half of the state sales and use tax pursuant to Code Section 48-8-30 as that tax applies to the liquid propane gas commodity sold and delivered primarily for residential heating purposes


shall be suspended after the first moment of January 1, 2006, until the General Assembly acts upon this Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED:

That half of the state sales and use tax pursuant to Code Section 48-8-30 as that tax applies to charges for the natural gas commodity billed for residential use shall be suspended commencing with all billing cycles initiated after the first moment of January 1, 2006, until the General Assembly acts upon this Order.

This 19th day of December, 2005.


GOVERNOR