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HUDGENS ESTIMATES \$75 MILLION IN INSURED LOSSES FROM WEDNESDAY'S STORMS ACROSS THE STATE

Atlanta – Insurance Commissioner Ralph T. Hudgens said damage from last Wednesday's storms has reached \$75 million in insured losses.

"This estimate includes insured damage to cars as well as homes and businesses," Hudgens said.

Also today, Commissioner Hudgens signed Directive 11-EX-5 which states:

"...the Georgia Insurance Department directs insurers to exercise leniency in dealing with affected individuals whose premium payments may appear tardy due to the disruption of mail service and loss of property. Likewise, insurers that processed lawful cancellation or nonrenewal notices during the previous 10 days are encouraged to comply with the spirit of the cancellation or nonrenewal laws to ensure that policyholders impacted by legal adverse underwriting decisions have sufficient time to address their insurance needs."

The Directive covers policyholders in Bartow, Catoosa, Coweta, Dade, Floyd, Greene, Lamar, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Spalding, Troup, and Walker Counties.

Additionally, Hudgens reminds Georgians that they can call his Consumer Services Division at **404-656-2070**, outside the Metro area, **1-800-656-2298**, if they have questions about a claim or if they are experiencing difficulty reaching their insurance company. Phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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