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TO: All Regulated Industries and Interested Parties

FROM: John S. Allison,
Commissioner of Banking and Consumer Finance
State of Mississippi

RE: Contact Information on Financial Services

While Mississippi has not had extensive damage from Hurricane Gustav, some facilities on the Gulf Coast will have little or limited services due to wind, water or employees issues for a short time. It appears that the institutions with employee issues will be open tomorrow, Wednesday, September 3, 2008, with full services available.

The Department's web site www.dbcf.state.ms.us will have links to the FDIC (<http://www.fdic.gov/gustav/index.html>) and the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions (www.ofi.louisiana.gov) with information where can customers and financial institutions can ascertain contact information on branch/openings and closings and assist customers now located in Mississippi to reach their institution.

The following phone numbers are also available for assistance:

Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance...800-844-2499 or 601-359-1031

Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions...nation wide 888-783-5530...Louisiana 888-525-9419

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation 877-ASK-FDIC (877-275-3342)