

Stopping gasoline price gouging

American families deserve to be treated fairly. Gouging is distinct, by definition, from price fixing, which is the collusion of multiple gas stations to set prices. Gouging is an act of an individual station taking advantage of supply problems (or even perceived supply problems). Both are illegal activities that will not be tolerated by federal, state or local authorities.

The Secretary of Energy, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Department of Justice will conduct inquiries, where appropriate, into significant price increases, as it did in summer 2003 and will act to prevent any illegal anticompetitive pricing.

While the Department of Energy is working to address longer term supply issues, they're also working to make sure American families are not victims of over-inflated prices at the pump. If you believe you may have been the victim of price-gouging or price-fixing, please report any possible corruption to your state and local authorities. Then, be sure to let the Department of Energy know via their website at <http://gaswatch.energy.gov/> to report the incident.

In Georgia, you can contact:

The Attorney General's Office of Consumer Affairs

404-651-8600
800-869-1123 (toll free)

<http://consumer.georgia.gov>

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2 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive SE, Suite 356
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-4600

http://www.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,5426814_39039081_38232662,00.html (webpage on price gouging)

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