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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Emergency Industry Notice #1 Wednesday, September 12, 2001

COMMISSIONER/CHAIR DIRECTIVE PRICE GOUGING AND OVERCHARGING OF PASSENGERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) hereby directs all For-Hire Vehicle (FHV) bases and affiliated drivers to adhere to the rates of fare on file with the TLC pursuant to Section 6-08 (c), Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York. Any attempts to engage in price gouging and the overcharging of passengers will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The TLC further notifies all medallion taxicab drivers that its rules and regulations prohibiting the overcharging of passengers will be strictly enforced. See 35 R.C.N.Y. sect. 2-34 (a); Admin. Code sect. 19-507. All those found guilty of overcharging passengers will be prosecuted and penalized, and may be subject to mandatory TLC license revocation.