



PSC Reports on Utilities' Facility Planning, Conservation Programs, and Lifeline

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) recently completed three statutorily required reports that are discussed below and available on the PSC's website.

Review of the 2017 Ten-Year Site Plans of Florida's Electric Utilities

As directed by Florida Statutes (Section 186.801), each generating electric utility must submit to the PSC a *Ten-Year Site Plan*, which estimates the utility's power generating needs and the general locations of its proposed power plant sites over a 10-year planning horizon. The *Ten-Year Site Plans* summarize the results of each utility's integrated resource planning (IRP) process and identifies proposed power plants and transmission facilities.

The Commission holds a 10-Year Site Plan workshop each fall with the reporting utilities, and then performs a preliminary study of each plan to classify it as either "suitable" or "unsuitable." [*The Review of the 2017 Ten-Year Site Plans of Florida's Electric Utilities*](#) represents the plans filed by 11 reporting utilities and is provided to the Florida Departments of Environmental Protection and Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Report on the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act

The PSC is statutorily required (Section 366.82(2)) to establish goals over a ten-year period for the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) utilities, and to re-evaluate the goals every five years. The utilities are required to develop, and submit for PSC approval, cost-effective demand-side management (DSM) plans to achieve these goals. The Commission's [*Annual Report on Activities Pursuant to the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act*](#) summarizes the utilities' adopted goals, and their progress toward achieving them.

In late 2015, the Commission approved the energy efficiency program standards, and the utilities implemented the new programs over the next year. This 2017 report covers the first full year of the conservation programs in the utilities' 2015 DSM plans.

Report on the Lifeline Assistance Program

The Lifeline Assistance program makes communications services more affordable for low-income consumers, providing a \$9.25 monthly discount. Consumers can receive a Lifeline discount on either a wireline or a wireless service, but can not receive a discount on both services simultaneously. Lifeline also supports broadband and broadband-voice bundles through participating companies. Pursuant to Section 362.10, Florida Statutes, the PSC reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each year on the [*Number of Customers Subscribing to Lifeline Service and the Effectiveness of Procedures to Promote Participation*](#).

The 2017 report presents Lifeline program participation data from July 2016 through June 2017, and evaluates procedures put in place to strengthen and streamline the Lifeline program. As of June 30, 2017, there were 685,864 eligible Florida households that participated in the Lifeline program—equating to about one of every 12 Florida households. Further, 41 percent of all Lifeline-eligible Florida households are receiving Lifeline assistance.