

PSC Educates Seniors on Money Saving Skills During *Older Americans Month*



PSC Outreach Coordinator Thelma Crump (right) is pictured with Ms. Senior Jacksonville during an Older Americans Month Jacksonville expo event.

Florida has the highest percentage of consumers age 65 or older of any U.S. state. Since 1963, communities and agencies across the state and nation have joined in the annual Older Americans Month commemoration, a tradition that shows the state's commitment to celebrating the contributions and achievements of older Florida residents. In May, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) recognized the Month by partnering with several Florida communities to hold educational sessions showing seniors how to save money on their utility bills.

"We acknowledge the contributions of older Floridians, not only in May, but throughout the year," said PSC Chairman Art Graham. "The Commission's continuing outreach and partnerships with agencies serving seniors demonstrates our commitment to aid this population segment and bring recognition to others who provide them assistance."

The PSC assists seniors year-round with ways to save money on their utility bills. In May, PSC representatives were in the Venice, Milton, and Sarasota areas to distribute conservation information and assist eligible consumers in signing up for the Lifeline Assistance discounted telephone service program.

Also in May, the PSC recognized two agencies that benefit seniors—one through energy efficiency and one through its valued partnership. Azalea Trace, a large Pensacola retirement community, was recognized with the *PSC's Triple E Award—for Energy Efficiency Effort*. With over 256 geothermal wells, the retirement community is the largest "premier geothermal heat pump technology facility" in Northwest Florida.

The PSC also recognized the North County Senior Center in Palm Beach Gardens as a *PSC Helping Hand*. By helping raise public awareness about the Lifeline program and energy and water conservation, the Center is a valuable PSC partner and senior advocate.

For more information on the Lifeline Program, and to read about the *PSC Helping Hands* and *Triple E Award*, visit www.FloridaPSC.com.