

## FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT January 2013

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# Consumer Access to the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

If you have questions about regulated utility services, you may:

\*CALLthe office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552

\*FAX your questions to 1-800-511-0809

\*E-MAIL the FPSC from our Web site at http://www.floridapsc.com, or direct to the following address: <a href="mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us">contact@psc.state.fl.us</a>

\*Or WRITE to:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

#### **Consumer Activity Overview January 2013**

Complaints Received & Entered in	nto CATS			711
Electric	01115		30	711
Gas			3	
LifeLine			69	
Relay			0	
Pay Telephone			0	
Water & Wastewater			20	
Non-certificated Company Complain	nts Logged		0	
Electric		0		
Gas		0		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
Industry Unknown		0		
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls	Transferred to Utilities)		502	
Electric		489		
Gas		13		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities	s from the PSC Web site)		26	
Electric		26		
Gas		0		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Da	ay Rule		61	
Electric		61		
Gas		0		
Telecommunications		0		
Water / Wastewater		0		
Information Requests Received &	<b>Entered into CATS</b>			3,812
<b>Total New Cases Received &amp; Ente</b>	red into CATS			4,523
How Cases Were Received	Complaints	Information Requests		Total Cases
Phone	629	2,914		3,543
Mail	5	27		32
Internet	75	864		939
Fax	2	7		9

3,812

4,523

711

**Totals** 

#### **Cases by Industry**

#### January 2013

	Complaints Logged	% of Total Complaints*	Information Requests Logged	% of Total Information Requests*
Electric	30	4 %	975	26 %
Natural Gas	3	0 %	21	1 %
Telecommunications	69	9 %	1915	50 %
Lifeline	69	10 %		
Relay	0	0 %		
Pay Telephone	0	0 %		
Water & Wastewater	20	3 %	102	3 %
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	0	0 %	799	21 %
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	502	71 %		
E-Transfers	26	4 %		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	61	9 %		
Total	711	100 %	3,812	100 %

Information provided by Consumer Activity Tracking System(CATS). Includes contacts from phone calls, letters, faxes and the Internet.

<sup>\*</sup>Figures have been rounded.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Non-certificated relates to complaints filed against companies that appear to lack a certificate with the PSC, but the complaint issue may be jurisdictional.

# Complaints Received by County January 2013



Note: County name not available for 14 cases e.g., complaints received by e-mail, telephone transfer-connects, non-Florida addresess, etc.

#### **Electric Companies**

		Complaints Logged		
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	4	6	10	10
GULF POWER COMPANY	0	1	1	1
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.	5	7	12	12
TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY	1	6	7	7
TOTALS**	10	20	30	30

<sup>\*</sup>Please see Definitions.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transfer-connect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

#### **Natural Gas Companies**

	Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	1	0	1	1
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	0	2	2	2
TOTALS**	1	2	3	3

<sup>\*</sup>Please see Definitions.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transfer-connect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

#### **Lifeline Complaints**

	Month	Year-To-Date
AT&T FLORIDA	45	45
CENTURYLINK	12	12
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC	12	12
TOTALS*	69	69

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transfer-connect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

#### **Relay Service Complaints**

	Month	Year-To-Date
	0	0
TOTALS*	0	0

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transfer-connect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

#### **Pay Telephone Companies**

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS**	0	0	0	0	

<sup>\*</sup>Please see Definitions.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transfer-connect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

#### **Water & Wastewater Companies**

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	1	2	2	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	1	
FOUR POINTS UTILITY CORPORATION	0	1	1	1	
LABRADOR UTILITIES, INC.	7	0	7	7	
PEOPLES WATER SERVICE COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC.	2	1	3	3	
SUNSHINE UTILITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.	1	1	2	2	
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	1	0	1	1	
WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	0	1	1	1	
TOTALS**	12	8	20	20	

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Billing** - A complaint concerning the amount a customer has been billed or any rule or tariff having to do specifically with the billing of the customer's account.

**Case** - A contact that is logged into the PSC's CATS database. A case may be logged in as a complaint or as an information request.

**Complaint** - A form of case that involves a substantial unresolved objection regarding a regulated utility, as it relates to charges, facility operations, or the quality of the services rendered, the disposal of which requires an investigation and/or analysis by PSC staff.

**Complaint Activity** - The total number of complaints logged with regulated utilities or resolved within a given period of time.

**Complaints Logged** - The number of complaints received from customers filed with the utilities.

**Complaints Resolved** - The number of complaints handled by the PSC staff, which determines whether a utility is in apparent violation or apparent nonviolation of PSC rules, company tariffs, or policies.

**Consumer Activity Tracking System (CATS)** - A database system that tracks complaints and information requests filed with the Florida Public Service Commission.

**Contact** - A communication with the Commission either in writing(letter, fax, or e-mail), in person, or by telephone relating to a complaint or an information request that is handled by consumer complaint staff. A contact may be logged into CATS as a new case or it may not be logged as a new case because it is a follow-up to an existing case, is a misdialed call or the caller hangs up during the call.

**Information Request** - A form of case that involves providing facts, reference material or other data but does not involve a substantial unresolved objection by a consumer regarding a regulated utility.

**Service** - A complaint having to do with the delivery of the service provided by the utility, exclusive of billing concerns.

**Telephone Transfer Connect (Warm Transfer)** - A call to the PSC can be directly transferred to the utility in question, if the consumer has not yet expressed his concerns to that utility.