

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT May 2012

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## Consumer Access to the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

\*CALL the Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance 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 Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

### Consumer Activity Overview May 2012

Complaints Received & Entered into CATS			612
Electric		43	
Gas		4	
LifeLine		8	
Relay		1	
Pay Telephone		1	
Water & Wastewater		17	
Non-certificated Company Complaints Logged		0	
Electric	0		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	0		
Water/Wastewater	0		
Industry Unknown	0		
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)		464	
Electric	458		
Gas	6		
Telecommunications	0		
Water/Wastewater	0		
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities from the PSC Web site)		24	
Electric	24		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	0		
Water/Wastewater	0		
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Day Rule		50	
Electric	50		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	0		
Water / Wastewater	0		
Information Requests Received & Entered into CATS			2,811

#### Total New Cases Received & Entered into CATS

How Cases Were Received	Complaints	Information Requests	Total Cases
Phone	525	2,516	3,041
Mail	11	43	54
Internet	74	242	316
Fax	2	10	12
Totals	612	2,811	3,423

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#### **Cases by Industry**

#### May 2012

	Complaints Logged	% of Total Complaints*	Information Requests Logged	% of Total Information Requests*
Electric	43	7 %	400	14 %
Natural Gas	4	1 %	20	1 %
Telecommunications	10	1 %	1412	50 %
Lifeline	8	1 %		
Relay	1	0 %		
Pay Telephone	1	0 %		_
Water & Wastewater	17	3 %	93	3 %
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	0	0 %	886	32 %
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	464	76 %		
E-Transfers	24	4 %		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	50	8 %		
Total	612	100 %	2,811	100 %

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

\*Figures have been rounded.

\*\*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**

May 2012



Note: County name not available for 6 cases. e.g., complaints received by e-mail, telephone transfer-connects,non-Florida addresess, etc.

### **Electric Companies**

### **Complaint Activity - May 2012**

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	4	7	11	61
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	0	0	1
GULF POWER COMPANY	0	0	0	1
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.	10	11	21	94
TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY	5	6	11	31
TOTALS**	19	24	43	188

\*Please see Definitions.

\*\*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**

#### **Complaint Activity - May 2012**

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
FLORIDA CITY GAS	0	0	0	6
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	1	0	1	5
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	1	2	3	10
TOTALS**	2	2	4	21

#### \*Please see Definitions.

\*\*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**

## **Complaint Activity - May 2012**

	Month	Year-To-Date
AT&T FLORIDA	7	59
CENTURYLINK	1	18
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC	0	14
TOTALS*	8	91
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\*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.

<b>Relay Service Complaints</b>				
Complaint Activity - May 2012				
	Month	Year-To-Date		
AT&T FLORIDA	1	1		
TOTALS*	1	1		
*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**

# **Complaint Activity - May 2012**

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
EMBARQ PAYPHONE SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
FLORIDA PUBLIC TELEPHONE COMPANY	1	0	1	1	
TOTALS**	1	0	1	2	
1 0 1   *Please see Definitions.   **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

# **Complaint Activity - May 2012**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	0	1	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	2	2	8	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	2	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	2	0	2	4	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	1	2	8	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	5	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	2	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	19	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1	
AQUARINA UTILITIES, INC.	0	1	1	1	
BAYSHORE UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
BIMINI BAY UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	1	
BLACK BEAR RESERVE WATER CORPORATION	0	0	0	1	
EAST MARION SANITARY SYSTEMS, INC.	1	0	1	1	
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FOUR POINTS UTILITY CORPORATION	0	0	0	12	
HEATHER HILLS ESTATES UTILITIES, LLC	0	0	0	1	
HOLIDAY GARDENS UTILITIES, INC.	1	0	1	1	
K W RESORT UTILITIES CORP.	0	0	0	1	
L. P. UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	1	
LABRADOR UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
LAKE PLACID UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	2	
MOBILE MANOR WATER COMPANY, INC.	0	0	0	1	
NEIGHBORHOOD UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	1	1	3	
NORTH BEACH UTILITIES, INC.	0	1	1	1	
PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.	0	2	2	5	
ROYAL UTILITY COMPANY	0	0	0	4	
S & L UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	3	
SANLANDO UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	1	
SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
SUNRISE UTILITIES, LLC	1	0	1	1	

Water & Wastewater Companies Complaint Activity - May 2012				
		Complai	nts Logged	
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF LONGWOOD	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE	1	0	1	4
WEST LAKELAND WASTEWATER, INC.	0	0	0	1
WILDWOOD WATER COMPANY	0	0	0	1
TOTALS**	8	9	17	109
Please see Definitions. **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.				

#### **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.