

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT September 2012

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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 September 2012**

Complaints Received & Entered in	nto CATS			959
Electric			53	
Gas			8	
LifeLine			17	
Relay			1	
Pay Telephone			0	
Water & Wastewater			30	
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)		716	
Electric		711		
Gas		5		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities	s from the PSC Web site)		41	
Electric		40		
Gas		1		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Da	ay Rule		93	
Electric		91		
Gas		2		
Telecommunications		0		
Water / Wastewater		0		
Information Requests Received &	<b>Entered into CATS</b>			3,729
<b>Total New Cases Received &amp; Ente</b>	red into CATS			4,688
How Cases Were Received	Complaints	Information Requests		Total Cases
Phone	816	2,991		3,807
Mail	8	44		52
Internet	133	673		806
Fax	2	21		23

3,729

4,688

959

**Totals** 

#### **Cases by Industry**

#### September 2012

	Complaints Logged	% of Total Complaints*	Information Requests Logged	% of Total Information Requests*
Electric	53	6 %	918	25 %
Natural Gas	8	1 %	27	1 %
Telecommunications	18	1 %	1616	43 %
Lifeline	17	2 %		
Relay	1	0 %		
Pay Telephone	0	0 %		
Water & Wastewater	30	3 %	94	3 %
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	0	0 %	1074	29 %
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	716	75 %		
E-Transfers	41	4 %		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	93	10 %		
Total	959	100 %	3,729	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 September 2012



Note: County name not available for 8 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	5	10	15	138	
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	2	2	5	
GULF POWER COMPANY	0	1	1	4	
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.	11	14	25	190	
TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY	3	7	10	60	
TOTALS**	19	34	53	397	

<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 CITY GAS	1	0	1	11
FLORIDA DIVISION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	2
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	2	1	3	11
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	2	2	4	16
TOTALS**	5	3	8	40

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<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
ASSURANCE HOME PHONE SERVICES, INC.	0	1
AT&T FLORIDA	14	116
CENTURYLINK	1	20
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC	2	20
WINDSTREAM FLORIDA, INC.	0	1
TOTALS*	17	158

<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
AT&T FLORIDA	1	3
TOTALS*	1	3

<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
EMBARQ PAYPHONE SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	1
FLORIDA PUBLIC TELEPHONE COMPANY	0	0	0	2
TOTALS**	0	0	0	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.

## Water & Wastewater Companies

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>		
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	2
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	2	2	9
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	2	3	12
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	1	2	22
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	2
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	3
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	2
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	5
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	10
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	2
AQUARINA UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	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
CYPRESS LAKES UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	35
EAST MARION SANITARY SYSTEMS, INC.	0	1	1	2
EAST MARION SANITARY SYSTEMS, INC.	0	0	0	1
FOUR POINTS UTILITY CORPORATION	0	2	2	15
HEATHER HILLS ESTATES UTILITIES, LLC	0	0	0	1
HOLIDAY GARDENS UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1
K W RESORT UTILITIES CORP.	0	0	0	1
L W V UTILITIES, INC.	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	3
MARION UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1
MOBILE MANOR WATER COMPANY, INC.	0	0	0	1
NEIGHBORHOOD UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	0	0	6
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	0	0	2
NORTH BEACH UTILITIES, INC.	1	0	1	2
PARK WATER COMPANY	0	0	0	1

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

	Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
PEOPLES WATER SERVICE COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1
PINECREST RANCHES, INC.	0	0	0	1
PLANTATION BAY UTILITY CO.	0	0	0	1
PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.	13	1	14	19
ROYAL UTILITY COMPANY	0	0	0	4
S & L UTILITIES, INC.	0	1	1	4
SANLANDO UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	1
SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1
SUNRISE UTILITIES, LLC	0	0	0	4
SUNSHINE UTILITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	1	1	2	4
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	0	0	0	4
WEST LAKELAND WASTEWATER, INC.	0	0	0	1
WILDWOOD WATER COMPANY	0	0	0	1
TOTALS**	17	13	30	202

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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.