

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# **CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT** January 2007

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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: contact@psc.state.fl.us

\*Or WRITE to:

Florida Public Service Commission Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Complaints Received & Entered into CATS			1,560
Electric		74	
Gas		19	
Competitive Local Exchange Telephone		83	
Local Exchange Telephone		192	
Long Distance Telephone		171	
Pay Telephone		1	
Shared Tenant		0	
Water & Wastewater		24	
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)		844	
Electric	537		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	307		
Water/Wastewater	0		
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities from the PSC Web site)		92	
Electric	44		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	48		
Water/Wastewater	0		
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Day Rule		60	
Electric	45		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	15		
Water / Wastewater	0		
Information Requests Received & Entered into CATS			1,378
Total New Cases Received & Entered into CATS			2,9

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How Cases Were Received	Complaints	Information Requests	<b>Total Cases</b>
Phone	1,150	1,133	2,283
Mail	69	64	133
Internet	325	168	493
Fax	16	13	29
Totals	1,560	1,378	2,938

#### **Cases by Industry**

#### January 2007

	Complaints Logged	% of Total Complaints*	Information Requests Logged	% of Total Information Requests*
Electric	74	5 %	190	14 %
Natural Gas	19	1 %	20	1 %
Telecommunications	447	28 %	502	36 %
Competitive Local Exchange Telephone	83	5 %		
Local Exchange Telephone	192	12 %		
Long Distance Telephone	171	11 %		
Pay Telephone	1	0 %		
Shared Tenant	0	0 %		
Water & Wastewater	24	2 %	81	6 %
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	0	0 %	585	42 %
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	844	54 %		
E-Transfers	92	6 %		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	60	4 %		
Total	1,560	100 %	1,378	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**

January 2007



Note: County name not available for 148 cases. e.g., complaints received by e-mail, telephone transfer-connects,non-Florida addresess, etc.

#### **Electric Companies**

#### **Complaint Activity - January 2007**

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	19	24	43	43
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	3	3	3
GULF POWER COMPANY	0	1	1	1
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.	9	10	19	19
TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY	2	6	8	8
TOTALS**	30	44	74	74

\*Please see Definitions.

#### **Natural Gas Companies**

#### **Complaint Activity - January 2007**

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
FLORIDA CITY GAS	3	4	7	7
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	2	3	5	5
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	4	3	7	7
TOTALS**	9	10	19	19

\*Please see Definitions.

#### **Local Telephone Companies**

#### **Complaint Activity - January 2007**

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	57	57	114	114
EMBARQ FLORIDA, INC.	25	19	44	44
GT COM	1	0	1	1
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC.	14	16	30	30
WINDSTREAM FLORIDA, INC.	3	0	3	3
TOTALS**	100	92	192	192

\*Please see Definitions.

### **Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Companies**

#### **Complaint Activity - January 2007**

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
ACCESS INTEGRATED NETWORKS, INC.	1	0	1	1
AT&T	3	3	6	6
BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS INFORMATION SERVICES (FLORIDA), LLC	1	0	1	1
BROADSTAR, LLC	1	0	1	1
BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	1	0	1	1
CAT COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC.	1	0	1	1
CLEARTEL COMMUNICATIONS	5	0	5	5
CLEARTEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1	1	2	2
CLEARWIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, LLC	0	1	1	1
COMCAST PHONE OF FLORIDA, LLC D/B/A COMCAST DIGITAL PHONE	6	1	7	7
DELTACOM, INC.	0	1	1	1
DSLI	1	0	1	1
EXCEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1	0	1	1
FDN COMMUNICATIONS	7	1	8	8
FLORIDA TELEPHONE SERVICES, LLC	0	2	2	2
GLOBAL TELECOM GROUP	0	1	1	1
IDT	0	2	2	2
INSTATONE	2	0	2	2
INTELLICALL OPERATOR SERVICES, INC.	0	1	1	1
INTER-TEL NETSOLUTIONS, INC.	0	1	1	1
ISN TELCOM	1	0	1	1
NATIONAL TELECOM & BROADBAND SERVICES, LLC	1	1	2	2
OPTICAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1	0	1	1
SOUTHERN TELCOM NETWORK, INC.	1	0	1	1
STS TELECOM, LLC	1	0	1	1
SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ACQUISITI	11	12	23	23
SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.	1	0	1	1
TRINSIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1	0	1	1
US LEC OF FLORIDA INC.	1	0	1	1
USTEL	1	0	1	1
VARTEC TELECOM	1	1	2	2
VERIZON ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES	1	0	1	1
XSPEDIUS COMMUNICATIONS	0	1	1	1

\*Please see Definitions.

# Long Distance Telephone Companies

# **Complaint Activity - January 2007**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
ACCESS INTEGRATED NETWORKS, INC.	0	1	1	1	
ADMA TELECOM, INC.	0	1	1	1	
AMERICATEL CORPORATION	0	2	2	2	
AT&T	10	22	32	32	
BELLSOUTH LONG DISTANCE, INC.	1	4	5	5	
BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS INFORMATION SERVICES (FLORIDA), LLC	1	1	2	2	
BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	1	0	1	1	
BUSINESS NETWORK LONG DISTANCE, INC.	1	0	1	1	
BUZZ TELECOM CORPORATION	2	0	2	2	
CLEAR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	1	0	1	1	
CLEARTEL COMMUNICATIONS	1	0	1	1	
CLEARTEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	3	3	3	
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK BILLING, INC.	1	0	1	1	
CORRECTIONAL BILLING SERVICES	2	3	5	5	
DELTACOM, INC.	3	1	4	4	
EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	2	1	3	3	
ENHANCED SERVICES BILLING, INC.	0	3	3	3	
FDN COMMUNICATIONS	0	1	1	1	
HORIZON TELECOM, INC.	4	8	12	12	
IDT AMERICA CORP. D/B/A DSA TELECOM	1	0	1	1	
ILD TELESERVICES	3	17	20	20	
MAIN STREET TELEPHONE COMPANY	0	1	1	1	
NATIONAL TEL	0	1	1	1	
NETWORK SERVICE BILLING, INC.	1	0	1	1	
OPERATOR ASSISTANCE NETWORK	0	2	2	2	
OUTSIDE CONNECTION, INC.	0	1	1	1	
PT-1 COMMUNICATIONS	1	0	1	1	
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	2	1	3	3	
SILV COMMUNICATION INC.	2	0	2	2	
SPRINT	6	8	14	14	
STARTEC GLOBAL OPERATING COMPANY	1	0	1	1	
SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ACQUISITI	8	10	18	18	
T-NETIX, INC.	1	0	1	1	
TELECOM*USA OR TELECONNECT	0	1	1	1	
VARTEC TELECOM AND CLEAR CHOICE COMMUNICATIONS	0	1	1	1	

#### Long Distance Telephone Companies

#### **Complaint Activity - January 2007**

	Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES	5	5	10	10
WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	1	1	1
WINSTAR COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	1	0	1	1
WL SOLUTIONS, INC.	1	0	1	1
XO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	2	0	2	2
ZERO PLUS DIALING	0	3	3	3
ZERO PLUS DIALING, INC.	0	3	3	3
TOTALS**	65	106	171	171

#### \*Please see Definitions.

#### **Pay Telephone Companies**

#### **Complaint Activity - January 2007**

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
ATN, INC.	0	1	1	1	
TOTALS**	0	1	1	1	

\*Please see Definitions.

#### Water & Wastewater Companies

#### **Complaint Activity - January 2007**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.	2	0	2	2	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	0	1	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	2	3	5	5	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	0	1	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	0	1	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	1	2	2	
BONITA SPRINGS UTILITIES	0	1	1	1	
EAST MARION SANITARY SYSTEMS, INC.	1	0	1	1	
HUDSON UTILITIES, INC.	2	0	2	2	
LINDRICK SERVICE CORPORATION	0	2	2	2	
SANLANDO UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	1	1	1	
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	1	0	1	1	
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	1	0	1	1	
WATER & SEWER SERVICES OF BROWARD, INC.	1	0	1	1	
WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	0	1	1	1	
TOTALS**	14	10	24	24	

\*Please see Definitions.

#### **Unauthorized Additional Telephone Service Charges**

#### "Cramming"

#### **Cases Resolved - January 2007**

	Month	Year-To-Date
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1	1
ENHANCED SERVICES BILLING, INC.	4	4
ILD TELESERVICES	11	11
ZERO PLUS DIALING	2	2
TOTALS*	18	18

#### **Unauthorized Telephone Service Charges**

#### "Local Slamming"

#### **Cases Resolved - January 2007**

	Month	Year-To-Date
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	4	4
BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	1	1
EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1	1
EXCEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1	1
INSTATONE	1	1
NETWORK SERVICE BILLING, INC.	1	1
SILV COMMUNICATION INC.	2	2
SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ACQUISITI	1	1
SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ACQUISITI	1	1
VERIZON FLORIDA INC.	1	1
WL SOLUTIONS, INC.	1	1
TOTALS*	15	15

#### **Unauthorized Telephone Service Charges**

#### "Long Distance Slamming"

#### **Cases Resolved - January 2007**

	Month	Year-To-Date
AT&T	4	4
AT&T LONG DISTANCE SERVICE	1	1
BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	1	1
BUSINESS NETWORK LONG DISTANCE, INC.	1	1
BUZZ TELECOM CORPORATION	2	2
CLEAR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	1	1
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK BILLING, INC.	1	1
DELTACOM, INC.	1	1
HORIZON TELECOM, INC.	4	4
ILD TELESERVICES	3	3
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	2	2
SPRINT	6	6
VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES	3	3
TOTALS*	30	30

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Access Line or Subscriber Line - The circuit or channel between the demarcation point at the customer's premises and the serving end or Class 5 central Office.

**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.

**Cramming** - When charges for telephone services are added, or "crammed", onto local telephone bills without the consumers's knowledge or consent.

**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.

**Shared Tenant Service (STS)** - As defined in section 364.339(1), Florida Statues, means the provision of service which duplicates or competes with local service provided by an existing local telephone company and is furnished through a common switching or billing arrangements to tenants by an entity other than an existing local telephone company.

Tariff - Description of all rate schedules, a schedule of charges and rules and regulations of a utility company.

**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.