

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT March 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: <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 March 2007**

Complaints Received & Entered into CATS			1,325
Electric		76	
Gas		30	
Competitive Local Exchange Telephone		73	
Local Exchange Telephone		157	
Long Distance Telephone		122	
Pay Telephone		3	
Shared Tenant		0	
Water & Wastewater		28	
Non-certificated Company Complaints Logged		3	
Electric	1		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	2		
Water/Wastewater	0		
Industry Unknown	0		
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)		725	
Electric	391		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	334		
Water/Wastewater	0		
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities from the PSC Web site)		66	
Electric	25		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	41		
Water/Wastewater	0		
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Day Rule		42	
Electric	38		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	4		
Water / Wastewater	0		
Information Requests Received & Entered into CATS			1,222
Total New Cases Received & Entered into CATS			2,547

<b>How Cases Were Received</b>	Complaints	<b>Information Requests</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>
Phone	1,019	1,028	2,047
Mail	45	51	96
Internet	244	132	376
Fax	17	11	28
Totals	1,325	1,222	2,547

### **Cases by Industry**

#### **March 2007**

	Complaints Logged	% of Total Complaints*	Information Requests Logged	% of Total Information Requests*
Electric	76	6 %	153	13 %
Natural Gas	30	2 %	27	2 %
Telecommunications	355	26 %	472	39 %
Competitive Local Exchange Telephone	73	6 %		
Local Exchange Telephone	157	12 %		
Long Distance Telephone	122	9%		
Pay Telephone	3	0 %		
Shared Tenant	0	0 %		
Water & Wastewater	28	2 %	113	9 %
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	3	0 %	457	37 %
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	725	55 %		
E-Transfers	66	5 %		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	42	3 %		
Total	1,325	100 %	1,222	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 March 2007



Note: County name not available for 78 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	15	24	39	110
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	2	2	8
GULF POWER COMPANY	0	1	1	2
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.	17	9	26	75
TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY	3	5	8	24
TOTALS**	35	41	76	219

<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	10	13	23	40	
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	1	1	2	10	
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	3	1	4	15	
SEBRING GAS SYSTEM, INC.	0	1	1	1	
TOTALS**	14	16	30	66	

<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.

# **Local Telephone Companies**

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
AT&T FLORIDA	29	53	82	298	
EMBARQ FLORIDA, INC.	29	22	51	138	
FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	4	
TDS TELECOM/QUINCY TELEPHONE	1	1	2	3	
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC.	14	7	21	67	
WINDSTREAM FLORIDA, INC.	1	0	1	8	
TOTALS**	74	83	157	518	

<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.

# Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Companies Complaint Activity - March 2007

	Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.	0	0	0	1
ACCESS INTEGRATED NETWORKS, INC.	1	0	1	2
ANEW BROADBAND, INC.	0	0	0	1
AT&T	0	2	2	9
ATLANTIC.NET BROADBAND, INC.	1	0	1	1
BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS INFORMATION SERVICES (FLORIDA), LLC	7	0	7	11
BROADSTAR, LLC	0	1	1	2
BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	0	0	0	1
BUDGET PHONE, INC.	0	0	0	1
CAT COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC.	0	0	0	1
CLEARTEL COMMUNICATIONS	1	3	4	11
CLEARTEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	4	4	10
CLEARWIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, LLC	0	0	0	1
COMCAST PHONE OF FLORIDA, LLC D/B/A COMCAST DIGITAL PHONE	3	1	4	20
DELTACOM, INC.	0	1	1	4
DSLI	2	0	2	3
EAGLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1
EPICUS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC.	0	1	1	1
EXCEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS	0	1	1	2
FDN COMMUNICATIONS	4	2	6	16
FLORIDA TELEPHONE SERVICES, LLC	0	0	0	3
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA, INC.	1	0	1	1
GLOBAL TELECOM GROUP	1	0	1	3
HOTWIRE COMMUNICATIONS, LTD.	0	0	0	1
IDT AMERICA, CORP.	0	1	1	4
INSTATONE	0	0	0	7
INTELLICALL OPERATOR SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	1
INTER-TEL NETSOLUTIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1
ISN TELCOM	0	0	0	1
KNOLOGY OF FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1
MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC D/B/A VERIZON AC	0	0	0	2
NATIONAL TELECOM & BROADBAND SERVICES, LLC	0	0	0	2
NEXUS COMMUNICATIONS TSI, INC.	0	0	0	1
OPTICAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	2	0	2	8
PAETEC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1

# Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Companies Complaint Activity - March 2007

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
SOUTHERN TELCOM NETWORK, INC.	0	0	0	1
STS TELECOM	0	1	1	1
STS TELECOM, LLC	0	0	0	2
SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ACQUISITI	5	19	24	65
SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.	0	1	1	1
TALK AMERICA INC.	0	1	1	1
THE SUNSHINE STATE TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	3	1	4	4
TIME WARNER TELECOM OF FLORIDA, L.P.	1	0	1	1
TRINSIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	3
US LEC OF FLORIDA INC.	0	0	0	2
USTEL	1	0	1	2
VARTEC TELECOM	0	0	0	2
VILAIRE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1
XO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	1
XSPEDIUS COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	1_
TOTALS**	33	40	73	224

<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.

# **Long Distance Telephone Companies**

	Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
1800CALL4LESS	0	1	1	1
ACCESS INTEGRATED NETWORKS, INC.	0	0	0	2
ADMA TELECOM, INC.	0	0	0	2
AFFINITY 4	0	1	1	1
AMERICATEL CORPORATION	1	0	1	9
ASIA TALK TELECOM, INC.	1	0	1	1
AT&T	7	9	16	73
AT&T LONG DISTANCE SERVICE	0	1	1	9
BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS INFORMATION SERVICES (FLORIDA), LLC	1	0	1	6
BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	0	0	0	1
BUSINESS NETWORK LONG DISTANCE, INC.	0	0	0	2
BUZZ TELECOM CORPORATION	0	0	0	2
CLEAR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	0	0	0	1
CLEARTEL COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	1
CLEARTEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	2	0	2	11
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK BILLING, INC.	0	0	0	1
CORRECTIONAL BILLING SERVICES	1	2	3	10
COX COMMUNICATIONS	1	0	1	1
CUSTOM TELECONNECT, INC.	0	2	2	2
DELTACOM, INC.	2	1	3	7
EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	2	2	6
ENHANCED SERVICES BILLING, INC.	0	2	2	7
EPICUS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC.	0	1	1	1
FDN COMMUNICATIONS	2	0	2	4
GABRIEL WIRELESS, L.L.C.	0	0	0	1
GLOBAL CROSSING TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1	0	1	2
GLOBAL TEL*LINK CORPORATION	0	2	2	2
HORIZON TELECOM, INC.	4	3	7	25
IDT AMERICA CORP. D/B/A DSA TELECOM	0	0	0	2
IDT CORPORATION	0	0	0	1
ILD TELESERVICES	1	12	13	46
INTELLICALL OPERATOR SERVICES, INC.	0	1	1	1
LEGACY LONG DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL, INC.	0	1	1	1
LEGACY LONG DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL, INC.	0	1	1	1
LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC	1	0	1	1

# **Long Distance Telephone Companies**

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
LOCUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1	0	1	1
MAIN STREET TELEPHONE COMPANY	0	0	0	1
MCI NETWORK SERVICES, INC.	0	1	1	2
NATIONAL TEL	0	0	0	1
NECC TELECOM, INC.	0	0	0	1
NETWORK SERVICE BILLING, INC.	0	0	0	1
NETWORK TELEPHONE CORPORATION	0	1	1	1
OAN SERVICES OF FLORIDA, INC. D/B/A OPERATOR ASSISTANCE NE	0	0	0	4
OUTSIDE CONNECTION, INC.	0	0	0	1
PAETEC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	2	0	2	2
POWERNET GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	2
PRIMO COMMUNICATIONS INC	0	1	1	1
PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1
PT-1 COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	1
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	1	1	2	7
SILV COMMUNICATION INC.	0	0	0	3
SPRINT	9	3	12	35
STARTEC GLOBAL OPERATING COMPANY	1	0	1	2
STS TELECOM, LLC	1	0	1	1
SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ACQUISITI	5	11	16	50
T-NETIX, INC.	0	0	0	1
TELE CIRCUIT NETWORK CORPORATION	1	0	1	1
TELECOM*USA OR TELECONNECT	0	0	0	1
TELEDIAS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1
TELEUNO, INC.	0	1	1	2
TIME WARNER TELECOM OF FLORIDA, L.P.	0	0	0	1
TOTAL CALL INTERNATIONAL, INC.	0	0	0	1
TTI NATIONAL, INC.	0	0	0	1
VALUE-ADDED COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1	0	1	2
VARTEC SOLUTIONS	0	0	0	1
VARTEC TELECOM AND CLEAR CHOICE COMMUNICATIONS	0	2	2	3
VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES	1	3	4	18
VERIZON LONG DISTANCE	1	0	1	1
VERIZON SELECT SERVICES INC.	1	0	1	1
WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1

# **Long Distance Telephone Companies**

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
WINSTAR COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	0	0	0	1	
WL SOLUTIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
XO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	0	1	1	5	
XSPEDIUS COMMUNICATIONS	0	1	1	1	
ZERO PLUS DIALING	0	1	1	7	
ZERO PLUS DIALING, INC.	0	3	3	7	
ZONE TELECOM, INC.	0	0	0	1	
TOTALS**	50	72	122	421	

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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.

# **Pay Telephone Companies**

		Complaints Logged		
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
AGENT ALLIANCE CORPORATION	0	0	0	1
ATN, INC.	0	0	0	1
EMBARQ PAYPHONE SERVICES, INC.	1	0	1	1
FLORIDA PUBLIC TELEPHONE COMPANY	0	0	0	1
FOCUS CONNECTION, INC.	0	1	1	1
GLOBAL TEL*LINK CORPORATION	1	0	1	1
TOTALS**	2	1	3	6

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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.

# **Water & Wastewater Companies**

		Complaints Logged		
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
ALAFAYA UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	3
ALOHA UTILITIES, INC.	2	1	3	6
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	4	4	8	15
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	2	3	8
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	2
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	1	2	3
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	3
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	2
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1
BONITA SPRINGS UTILITIES	0	0	0	1
C. S. WATER COMPANY, INC.	0	0	0	1
COUNTY-WIDE UTILITY CO., INC.	0	0	0	1
EAST MARION SANITARY SYSTEMS, INC.	0	0	0	2
EAST MARION SANITARY SYSTEMS, INC.	0	0	0	1
FERNCREST UTILITIES, INC.	1	1	2	2
FOUR POINTS UTILITY CORPORATION	0	0	0	2
HUDSON UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	4
INDIANTOWN COMPANY, INC.	0	1	1	1
LINDRICK SERVICE CORPORATION	2	0	2	6
NORTH PENINSULA UTILITIES CORPORATION	1	0	1	1
PARK WATER COMPANY	1	1	2	2
S & L UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1
SANLANDO UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF HUTCHINSON ISLAND	0	0	0	1
WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	2
WEST LAKELAND WASTEWATER, INC.	0	1	1	1
WINDSTREAM UTILITIES COMPANY	1	0	1	1
TOTALS**	14	14	28	77

<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.

# **Unauthorized Additional Telephone Service Charges**"Cramming"

#### Cases Resolved - March 2007

	Month	Year-To-Date
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	3
EMBARQ FLORIDA, INC.	1	1
ENHANCED SERVICES BILLING, INC.	3	8
ILD TELESERVICES	9	30
VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES	1	1
ZERO PLUS DIALING	1	3
ZERO PLUS DIALING, INC.	0	1
TOTALS*	15	47

<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.

# **Unauthorized Telephone Service Charges**"Local Slamming"

#### Cases Resolved - March 2007

	Month	Year-To-Date
ANEW BROADBAND, INC.	0	1
AT&T FLORIDA	2	9
ATLANTIC.NET BROADBAND, INC.	1	1
BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	0	1
CLEARTEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	1
EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	1
INSTATONE	0	1
NETWORK SERVICE BILLING, INC.	0	1
SILV COMMUNICATION INC.	0	3
STARTEC GLOBAL OPERATING COMPANY	1	1
SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ACQUISITI	1	2
SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ACQUISITI	0	1
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC.	0	1
WL SOLUTIONS, INC.	0	1
TOTALS*	5	25

<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.

# **Unauthorized Telephone Service Charges**

### "Long Distance Slamming"

# Cases Resolved - March 2007

	Month	Year-To-Date
AMERICATEL CORPORATION	1	3
ASIA TALK TELECOM, INC.	1	1
AT&T	1	7
AT&T LONG DISTANCE SERVICE	0	1
BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	0	1
BUSINESS NETWORK LONG DISTANCE, INC.	0	2
BUZZ TELECOM CORPORATION	0	2
CLEAR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	0	1
CLEARTEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	1
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK BILLING, INC.	0	1
CORRECTIONAL BILLING SERVICES	1	1
DELTACOM, INC.	0	1
GLOBAL CROSSING TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1	2
HORIZON TELECOM, INC.	4	13
ILD TELESERVICES	1	5
LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC	1	1
OAN SERVICES OF FLORIDA, INC. D/B/A OPERATOR ASSISTANCE NE	0	1
PAETEC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	1	1
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	1	3
SPRINT	6	14
TELE CIRCUIT NETWORK CORPORATION	1	1
TELEUNO, INC.	0	1
TIME WARNER TELECOM OF FLORIDA, L.P.	0	1
VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES	0	3
VERIZON LONG DISTANCE	1	1
ZERO PLUS DIALING	0	1
TOTALS*	21	70

<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.

#### **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.