

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT August 2011

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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 Service, Safety & 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 Service, Safety & Consumer Assistance 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Consumer	Activity	Overview	August 2011
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Complaints Received & Entered into CATS			1,109
Electric		70	
Gas		8	
Competitive Local Exchange Telephone		0	
Local Exchange Telephone		9	
Long Distance Telephone		0	
Pay Telephone		0	
Shared Tenant		0	
Water & Wastewater		16	
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)		846	
Electric	836		
Gas	10		
Telecommunications	0		
Water/Wastewater	0		
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities from the PSC Web site)		58	
Electric	58		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	0		
Water/Wastewater	0		
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Day Rule		102	
Electric	102		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	0		
Water / Wastewater	0		
Information Requests Received & Entered into CATS			4,501

#### Information Requests Received & Entered into CATS

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

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How Cases Were Received	Complaints	<b>Information Requests</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>
Phone	952	4,060	5,012
Mail	12	46	58
Internet	141	376	517
Fax	4	19	23
Totals	1,109	4,501	5,610

#### **Cases by Industry**

#### August 2011

	Complaints Logged	% of Total Complaints*	Information Requests Logged	% of Total Information Requests*
Electric	70	6 %	576	13 %
Natural Gas	8	1 %	33	1 %
Telecommunications	9	0 %	2646	59 %
Competitive Local Exchange Telephone	0	0 %		
Local Exchange Telephone	9	1 %		
Long Distance Telephone	0	0 %		
Pay Telephone	0	0 %		
Shared Tenant	0	0 %		
Water & Wastewater	16	1 %	141	3 %
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	0	0 %	1105	25 %
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	846	76 %		
E-Transfers	58	5 %		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	102	9 %		
Total	1,109	100 %	4,501	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**

August 2011



Note: County name not available for 10 cases. e.g., complaints received by e-mail, telephone transfer-connects, non-Florida addresess, etc.

### **Electric Companies**

### **Complaint Activity - August 2011**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	10	21	31	184	
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	1	1	2	11	
GULF POWER COMPANY	0	0	0	7	
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.	13	16	29	236	
TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY	2	6	8	79	
TOTALS**	26	44	70	517	

\*Please see Definitions.

# Natural Gas Companies

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>				
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D		
FLORIDA CITY GAS	0	1	1	14		
FLORIDA DIVISION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	3		
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	0	0	14		
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	5	2	7	29		
TOTALS**	5	3	8	60		
Please see Definitions. *Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via th rocess, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.	ne telephone transfe	er-connect or o	e-transfer			

### Local Telephone Companies

### **Complaint Activity - August 2011**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
AT&T FLORIDA	5	2	7	517	
CENTURYLINK	0	1	1	90	
FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	2	
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTH, LLC	0	0	0	1	
ITS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC	0	1	1	176	
WINDSTREAM FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	5	
TOTALS**	5	4	9	792	

\*Please see Definitions.

# **Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Companies**

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
ACN COMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	1
AMERICAN DIAL TONE, INC.	0	0	0	26
ASTRO TEL, INC.	0	0	0	1
BELLERUD COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	0	0	0	1
BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	11
BIRCH TELECOM OF THE SOUTH, INC.	0	0	0	2
BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS INFORMATION SERVICES (FLORIDA), LLC	0	0	0	6
BROADVIEW NETWORKS, INC.	0	0	0	1
BROADVOX-CLEC, LLC	0	0	0	1
BUDGET PHONE	0	0	0	11
CBEYOND COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	0	0	0	3
CLEAR CHOICE COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	2
CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	3
CLEARWIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, LLC	0	0	0	1
COMCAST LONG DISTANCE	0	0	0	1
COMCAST PHONE OF FLORIDA, LLC D/B/A COMCAST DIGITAL PHONE	0	0	0	16
DELTACOM, INC.	0	0	0	9
EASY TELEPHONE SERVICES COMPANY	0	0	0	34
ERNEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1
EXPRESS PHONE SERVICE	0	0	0	113
FLATEL, INC.	0	0	0	11
FLORIDA TELEPHONE SERVICES, LLC	0	0	0	1
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA, INC.	0	0	0	1
GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC	0	0	0	2
IDT AMERICA, CORP.	0	0	0	1
INTELLICALL OPERATOR SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	2
ITS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.	0	0	0	1
KNOLOGY OF FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1
LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	0	0	0	2
LIFECONNEX TELECOM, LLC	0	0	0	10
MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC D/B/A VERIZON AC	0	0	0	4
NEWPHONE, INC.	0	0	0	1
PAETEC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	3
POWERNET GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1
PREFERRED LONG DISTANCE, INC.	0	0	0	1

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

### **Complaint Activity - August 2011**

	Consulaints Loggad			
	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
PRIMECAST	0	0	0	1
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC	0	0	0	1
STS TELECOM	0	0	0	1
SUMMIT BROADBAND	0	0	0	1
SUN-TEL USA, INC.	0	0	0	2
TELE CIRCUIT NETWORK CORPORATION	0	0	0	2
TELOVATIONS INC.	0	0	0	1
VOX3COM	0	0	0	2
WINDSTREAM NUVOX INC.	0	0	0	34
XO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	7
TOTALS**	0	0	0	338

\*Please see Definitions.

# Long Distance Telephone Companies

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
1800CALL4LESS	0	0	0	1	
ADMA TELECOM, INC.	0	0	0	1	
AMERICA NET, LLC	0	0	0	9	
AMERICATEL CORPORATION	0	0	0	5	
AT&T	0	0	0	30	
AT&T LONG DISTANCE SERVICE	0	0	0	18	
BUSINESS TELECOM, INC. D/B/A BTI	0	0	0	1	
CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	5	
CENTURYLINK LONG DISTANCE	0	0	0	1	
CLEAR CHOICE COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	3	
CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	5	
CLEAR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	0	0	0	2	
COMMUNICATION TELEFONICAS LATINAS CORP	0	0	0	4	
CUSTOM TELECONNECT, INC.	0	0	0	1	
DELTACOM, INC.	0	0	0	1	
ENHANCED SERVICES BILLING, INC.	0	0	0	14	
GLOBAL TEL*LINK CORPORATION	0	0	0	15	
HBS BILLING SERVICES COMPANY	0	0	0	2	
IDC TELECOMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	4	
IDT AMERICA, CORP.	0	0	0	3	
ILD TELESERVICES	0	0	0	18	
INTELLICALL OPERATOR SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	4	
MULTIPHONE LATIN AMERICA, INC.	0	0	0	1	
OAN SERVICES OF FLORIDA, INC. D/B/A OPERATOR ASSISTANCE NE	0	0	0	3	
ONELINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	2	
OPTIC INTERNET PROTOCOL, INC.	0	0	0	7	
PREFERRED LONG DISTANCE, INC.	0	0	0	3	
PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC	0	0	0	2	
SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	0	0	0	4	
SILV COMMUNICATION INC.	0	0	0	4	
SPRINT	0	0	0	3	
STI PREPAID, LLC	0	0	0	2	
TELEDIAS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
TELEUNO, INC.	0	0	0	3	

### Long Distance Telephone Companies

### **Complaint Activity - August 2011**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
TM TELCOMM CORP.	0	0	0	1	
UNITED TELECOM INC.	0	0	0	2	
VALUE-ADDED COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
VARTEC TELECOM, INC.	0	0	0	1	
VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES	0	0	0	4	
VERIZON LONG DISTANCE LLC	0	0	0	7	
WHOLESALE CARRIER SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
WILTEL COMMUNICATION, LLC	0	0	0	3	
WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
WINDSTREAM NUVOX, INC.	0	0	0	2	
ZERO PLUS DIALING	0	0	0	3	
TOTALS**	0	0	0	209	

\*Please see Definitions.

# **Pay Telephone Companies**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
COIN-TEL	0	0	0	2	
DSI-ITI, LLC	0	0	0	1	
FIRST AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	0	0	0	2	
FLORIDA PUBLIC TELEPHONE COMPANY	0	0	0	1	
GLOBAL TEL*LINK CORPORATION	0	0	0	2	
ICSOLUTIONS	0	0	0	1	
INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
LYNN E. MAXWELL, JR.	0	0	0	1	
PACIFIC TELEMANAGEMENT SERVICES	0	0	0	1	
TRINITY HOLDINGS LTD., INC.	0	0	0	1	
TOTALS**	0	0	0	13	
Please see Definitions. *Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred vi process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.	a the telephone transfe	er-connect or o	e-transfer		

# Water & Wastewater Companies

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
ALTURAS UTILITIES, L.L.C.	0	0	0	4	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	1	2	16	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	0	1	4	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	2	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	3	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	18	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	14	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	2	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	5	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	2	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1	
AQUARINA UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	3	
ARMA WATER SERVICE, LLC	0	0	0	1	
BAYSHORE UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	4	
BIMINI BAY UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	1	1	4	
BLACK BEAR RESERVE WATER CORPORATION	0	0	0	9	
COUNTRY CLUB UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
COUNTY-WIDE UTILITY CO., INC.	0	0	0	1	
CYPRESS LAKES UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
EAST MARION SANITARY SYSTEMS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
FOUR POINTS UTILITY CORPORATION	1	4	5	12	
HEATHER HILLS ESTATES UTILITIES, LLC	0	0	0	2	
KEEN SALES, RENTALS AND UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
LABRADOR UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	2	
LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.	1	0	1	2	
LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	2	
LIGHTHOUSE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.	0	1	1	1	
MAD HATTER UTILITY, INC.	0	1	1	1	
NEIGHBORHOOD UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	1	1	6	
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	1	1	1	

Water & Wastewater Companies Complaint Activity - August 2011				
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
PARK WATER COMPANY	0	0	0	4
PARKLAND UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1
PEOPLES WATER SERVICE COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	2
PLANTATION BAY UTILITY CO.	0	0	0	2
PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.	0	0	0	2
ROYAL UTILITY COMPANY	0	0	0	3
SANLANDO UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	1
SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	2
SUNRISE UTILITIES, LLC	0	0	0	2
SUNSHINE UTILITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.	1	0	1	3
TYMBER CREEK UTILITIES, INCORPORATED	0	1	1	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE	0	0	0	1
WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	1
WEST LAKELAND WASTEWATER, INC.	0	0	0	2
WILDWOOD WATER COMPANY	0	0	0	2
TOTALS**	5	11	16	162

\*Please see Definitions.

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

### "Cramming"

### **Cases Resolved - August 2011**

	Month	Year-To-Date
	0	1
AMERICA NET, LLC	0	1
AT&T FLORIDA	1	11
CENTURYLINK	0	8
ENHANCED SERVICES BILLING, INC.	0	14
HBS BILLING SERVICES COMPANY	0	2
ILD TELESERVICES	0	11
OPERATOR ASSISTANCE NETWORK	0	2
SILV COMMUNICATION INC.	0	1
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC	0	5
WINDSTREAM FLORIDA, INC.	0	1
ZERO PLUS DIALING	0	1
TOTALS*	1	58

### **Unauthorized Telephone Service Charges**

### "Local Slamming"

### **Cases Resolved - August 2011**

	Month	Year-To-Date
	0	0
AMERICA NET, LLC	0	8
AMERICAN DIAL TONE, INC.	0	2
AT&T FLORIDA	0	5
BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	2
BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS INFORMATION SERVICES (FLORIDA), LLC	0	2
CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	1
COMCAST PHONE OF FLORIDA, LLC D/B/A COMCAST DIGITAL PHONE	0	2
COMMUNICATION TELEFONICAS LATINAS CORP	0	3
EASY TELEPHONE SERVICES COMPANY	0	25
EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIO	0	1
EXPRESS PHONE SERVICE	0	3
FLATEL, INC.	0	1
LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	0	1
OPTIC INTERNET PROTOCOL, INC.	0	6
PREFERRED LONG DISTANCE, INC.	0	2
PREFERRED LONG DISTANCE, INC.	0	1
SILV COMMUNICATION INC.	0	3
TELOVATIONS INC.	0	1
UNITED TELECOM INC.	0	2
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC	0	2
WINDSTREAM NUVOX, INC.	0	1
TOTALS*	0	74

### **Unauthorized Telephone Service Charges**

### "Long Distance Slamming"

### **Cases Resolved - August 2011**

	Month	Year-To-Date	
	0	0	
AMERICATEL CORPORATION	0	1	
AT&T	0	8	
CLEAR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	0	2	
IDC TELECOMMUNICATIONS	0	2	
INTELLICALL OPERATOR SERVICES, INC.	0	1	
OAN SERVICES OF FLORIDA, INC. D/B/A OPERATOR ASSISTANCE NE	0	1	
ONELINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	2	
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC	0	1	
SPRINT	0	1	
TELEDIAS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	0	1	
TELEUNO, INC.	0	3	
VERIZON LONG DISTANCE LLC	0	1	
WILTEL COMMUNICATION, LLC	0	3	
TOTALS*	0	27	

#### **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.