

# CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT February 2021

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#### Consumer Access to the

#### FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

- \* CALL the 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: contact@psc.state.fl.us
- \* Or WRITE to:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

# **Consumer Activity Overview**

## February 2021

			623	
Electric		99		
Gas		6		
LifeLine		0		
Relay		0		
Pay Telephone		0		
Water/Wastewater		8		
Non-certificated Company Complaints Logged		0		
Electric	0			
Gas	0			
Telecommunications	0			
Water/Wastewater	0			
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)		312		
Electric	298			
Gas	14			
Telecommunications	0			
Water/Wastewater	0			
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities from the PSC Web site)		54		
Electric	54			
Gas	0			
Telecommunications	0			
Water/Wastewater	0			
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Day Rule		144		
Electric	143			
Gas	1			
Telecommunications	0			
Water/Wastewater	0			
Consumer Contacts Received & Entered into CATS.			1968	
Total New Cases Received & Entered into CATS				2591

Cases Were Received	Complaints	Consumer Contact	Total Cases
Phone	438	1460	1898
Mail	3	9	12
Internet	181	498	679
Fax	1	1	2
Total	623	1968	2591

#### **Cases by Industry**

#### February 2021

	Complaints Logged	Percentage of Total Complaints*	Consumer Contact Logged	Percentage of Total Consumer Contact*
Electric	99	16%	760	39%
Natural Gas	6	1%	27	1%
Telecommunications	0	0%	450	23%
Lifeline	0	0%		
Relay	0	0%		
Pay Telephone	0	0%		
Water & Wastewater	8	1%	80	4%
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	0	0%	651	33%
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	312	50%		
E-Transfers	53	9%		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	144	23%		
Total	623	100%	1968	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 PSC.

# **Complaints Received by County**

# February 2021

County	Cases	County	Cases	County	Cases
N/A	12	Escambia	169	Lafayette	0
Alachua	1	Flagler	2	Lake	4
Baker	0	Franklin	0	Lee	8
Bay	13	Gadsden	0	Leon	1
Bradford	0	Gilchrist	0	Levy	0
Brevard	27	Glades	0	Liberty	0
Broward	51	Gulf	0	Madison	0
Calhoun	5	Hamilton	0	Manatee	10
Charlotte	4	Hardee	0	Marion	3
Citrus	0	Hendry	1	Martin	5
Clay	0	Hernando	0	Monroe	0
Collier	8	Highlands	2	Nassau	1
Columbia	1	Hillsborough	7	Okaloosa	30
Dade	0	Holmes	2	Okeechobee	7
DeSoto	0	Indian River	2	Orange	9
Dixie	0	Jackson	6	Osceola	0
Duval	0	Jefferson	0	Palm Beach	49

Note: The counts listed as "N/A" are the cases their county name not available e.g., complaints received by e-mail, telephone transfer-connects,non-Florida addresess, etc.

## **Electric Companies**

Company Name	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
Duke Energy	5	7	12	38
Florida Power & Light Company	3	4	7	13
Florida Public Utilities Company	1	7	8	9
Gulf Power Company	1	65	66	77
Tampa Electric Company	4	2	6	8
TOTALS**	14	85	99	145

<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**

Company Name	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
Florida City Gas	1	0	1	2
Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	0	1	1	1
Florida Public Utilities Company	0	0	0	1
Peoples Gas System	0	4	4	8
TOTALS**	1	5	6	12

<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.

# **Lifeline Complaints**

Company Name	Month	Y-T-D	
TOTALS**	0	0	

<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**

Company Name	Month	Y-T-D	
TOTALS**	0	0	

<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 Complaints**

Company Name	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
TOTALS**	0	0	0	0

<sup>\*\*</sup>Does not include non-certificated complaints logged, complaints transferred via the telephone transferconnect or e-transfer process, or complaints logged and resolved under the three-day rule.

# Water & Wastewater Companies

Company Name	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
Beaches Sewer System	0	0	0	1
Coral Cay Water & Sewer Company	0	0	0	1
HC Waterworks, Inc.	0	1	1	1
Okaloosa Waterworks, Inc.	0	1	1	1
Pluris Wedgefield, LLC	0	0	0	1
Sunrise Water, LLC	0	1	1	1
Sunshine Utilities of Central Florida, Inc.	2	0	2	2
Utilities, Inc. of Florida	1	2	3	5
TOTALS**	3	5	8	13

<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**

#### 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 Consumer Contact.

#### 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 Consumer Contact 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 Consumer Contact 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.

#### **Consumer Contact:**

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.