

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT March 2016

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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: <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 March 2016

Complaints Received & Entered into CATS			571
Electric		31	
Gas		4	
LifeLine		3	
Relay Pay Telephone		0	
Water & Wastewater		0 27	
Water & Wastewater		21	
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)		428	
Electric	416		
Gas	12		
Telecommunications	0		
Water/Wastewater	0		
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities from the PSC Web site)		11	
Electric	11		
Gas	0		
Telecommunications	0		
Water/Wastewater	0		
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Day Rule		67	
Electric	64		
Gas	3		
Telecommunications	0		
Water / Wastewater	0		
Information Requests Received & Entered into CATS			1,716
Total New Cases Received & Entered into CATS			2,287
How Cases Were Received Complaints	Information Requests	ŗ	Fotal Cases

How Cases Were Received	Complaints	Information Requests	<b>Total Cases</b>
Phone	497	1,550	2,047
Mail	12	23	35
Internet	62	141	203
Fax	0	2	2
Totals	571	1,716	2,287

#### **Cases by Industry**

#### March 2016

	Complaints Logged	% of Total Complaints*	Information Requests Logged	% of Total Information Requests*
Electric	31	5 %	175	10 %
Natural Gas	4	1 %	29	2 %
Telecommunications	3	0 %	928	54 %
Lifeline	3	1 %		
Relay	0	0 %		
Pay Telephone	0	0 %		
Water & Wastewater	27	5 %	115	7 %
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	0	0 %	469	27 %
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	428	75 %		
E-Transfers	11	2 %		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	67	12 %		
Total	571	100 %	1,716	100 %

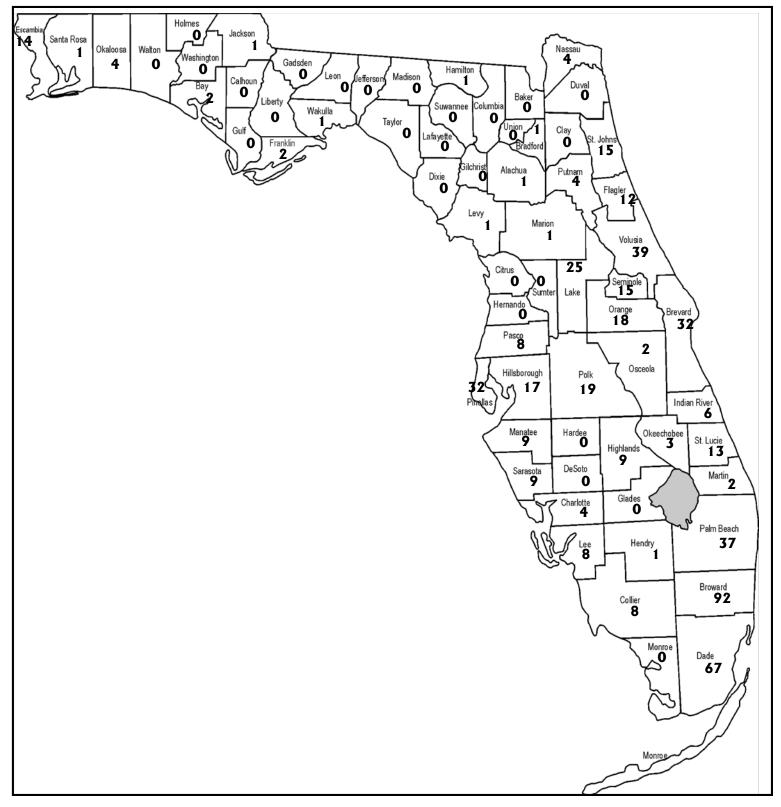
Information provided by Consumer Activity Tracking System(CATS). Includes contacts from phone calls, letters, faxes and the Internet.

\*Figures have been rounded.

**\*\***Non-certificated relates to complaints filed against companies that appear to lack a certificate with the PSC.

### **Complaints Received by County**

March 2016



Note: County name not available for 31 cases. e.g., complaints received by e-mail, telephone transfer-connects,non-Florida addresess, etc.

## **Electric Companies**

### **Complaint Activity - March 2016**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
DUKE ENERGY	8	5	13	48	
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	3	8	11	32	
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	2	1	3	7	
TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY	2	2	4	21	
TOTALS**	15	16	31	108	

\*Please see Definitions.

#### **Natural Gas Companies**

### **Complaint Activity - March 2016**

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
FLORIDA CITY GAS	1	0	1	3
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	0	0	1
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	2	1	3	7
TOTALS**	3	1	4	11

\*Please see Definitions.

## **Lifeline Complaints**

### **Complaint Activity - March 2016**

	Month	Year-To-Date
AT&T FLORIDA	2	10
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC	1	5
TOTALS*	3	15
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### **Relay Service Complaints**

#### **Complaint Activity - March 2016**

	Month	Year-To-Date
	0	0
TOTALS*	0	0

## **Pay Telephone Companies**

# **Complaint Activity - March 2016**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS**	0	0	0	0	

\*Please see Definitions.

#### Water & Wastewater Companies

### **Complaint Activity - March 2016**

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
ALTURAS UTILITIES, L.L.C.	1	1	2	3	
AQUARINA UTILITIES, INC.	1	0	1	1	
CRESTRIDGE UTILITIES, LLC	0	1	1	1	
FIMC HIDEAWAY, INC.	0	1	1	1	
FOUR POINTS UTILITY CORPORATION	0	0	0	9	
HC WATERWORKS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.	0	1	1	1	
LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.	0	1	1	1	
LAKESIDE WATERWORKS. INC.	0	11	11	11	
LITTLE GASPARILLA WATER UTILITY, INC.	0	0	0	1	
LP WATERWORKS, INC.	0	3	3	4	
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	0	0	1	
PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.	0	0	0	2	
SERVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC.	0	0	0	1	
SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC.	2	0	2	2	
SUNRISE UTILITIES, LLC	2	2	4	5	
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	3	
TOTALS**	6	21	27	48	

\*Please see Definitions.

#### **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.