

## FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT May 2017

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# Consumer Access to the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

\*CALLthe 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 May 2017**

| Complaints Received & Entered int            | to CATS                   |                      |     | 581         |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|-----|-------------|
| Electric                                     |                           |                      | 43  |             |
| Gas  |                           |                      | 1   |             |
| LifeLine                                     |                           |                      | 1   |             |
| Relay  |                           |                      | 0   |             |
| Pay Telephone                                |                           |                      | 0   |             |
| Water & Wastewater                           |                           |                      | 35  |             |
| Non-certificated Company Complaint           | s Logged                  |                      | 0   |             |
| Electric                                     |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Gas  |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Telecommunications                           |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Water/Wastewater                             |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Industry Unknown                             |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls T         | Transferred to Utilities) |                      | 421 |             |
| Electric                                     | ,                         | 415                  |     |             |
| Gas  |                           | 6                    |     |             |
| Telecommunications                           |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Water/Wastewater                             |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities f     | from the PSC Web site)    |                      | 27  |             |
| Electric                                     |                           | 27                   |     |             |
| Gas  |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Telecommunications                           |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Water/Wastewater                             |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Day          | Rule                      |                      | 53  |             |
| Electric                                     |                           | 52                   |     |             |
| Gas  |                           | 1                    |     |             |
| Telecommunications                           |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Water / Wastewater                           |                           | 0                    |     |             |
| Information Requests Received & E            | Entered into CATS         |                      |     | 1,402       |
| <b>Total New Cases Received &amp; Entere</b> | ed into CATS              |                      |     | 1,983       |
| How Cases Were Received                      | Complaints                | Information Requests |     | Total Cases |
| Phone  | 480                       | 1,257                |     | 1,737       |
| Mail   | 3                         | 11                   |     | 14          |
| Internet                                     | 98                        | 133                  |     | 231         |
| Fax  | 0                         | 1                    |     | 1           |

1,402

1,983

581

**Totals** 

#### **Cases by Industry**

#### **May 2017**

|   | Complaints<br>Logged | % of Total<br>Complaints* | Information<br>Requests Logged | % of Total<br>Information<br>Requests* |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Electric  | 43                   | 7 %                       | 192                            | 14 %                                   |
| Natural Gas   | 1                    | 0 %                       | 18                             | 1 %                                    |
| Telecommunications  | 1                    | 0 %                       | 745                            | 53 %                                   |
| Lifeline  | 1                    | 0 %                       |                                |  |
| Relay   | 0                    | 0 %                       |                                |  |
| Pay Telephone   | 0                    | 0 %                       |                                |  |
| Water & Wastewater  | 35                   | 6 %                       | 93                             | 7 %                                    |
| Non-certificated Company Cases logged**                         | 0                    | 0 %                       | 354                            | 25 %                                   |
| Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls<br>Transferred to Utilities) | 421                  | 72 %                      |                                |  |
| E-Transfers   | 27                   | 5 %                       |                                |  |
| Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule                           | 53                   | 9 %                       |                                |  |
| Total   | 581                  | 100 %                     | 1,402                          | 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.

# Complaints Received by County May 2017



Note: County name not available for 14 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 |
| DUKE ENERGY                      | 12                | 12       | 24    | 87    |
| FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY    | 2                 | 7        | 9     | 39    |
| FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY | 0                 | 0        | 0     | 2     |
| GULF POWER COMPANY               | 0                 | 0        | 0     | 1     |
| TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY           | 6                 | 4        | 10    | 44    |
| TOTALS**                         | 20                | 23       | 43    | 173   |

<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                 | 0                 | 0        | 0     | 4     |
| FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY | 0                 | 1        | 1     | 8     |
| PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM               | 0                 | 0        | 0     | 5     |
| TOTALS**                         | 0                 | 1        | 1     | 17    |

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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.

#### **Lifeline Complaints**

|                      | Month | Year-To-Date |
|----------------------|-------|--------------|
| AT&T FLORIDA         | 1     | 5            |
| CENTURYLINK          | 0     | 2            |
| FRONTIER FLORIDA LLC | 0     | 4            |
| TOTALS*              | 1     | 11           |

<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**

|         | Month | Year-To-Date |
|---------|-------|--------------|
|         | 0     | 0            |
| 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 Companies**

|          |          | Complaints Logged |       |       |  |
|----------|----------|-------------------|-------|-------|--|
|          | Service* | Billing*          | Total | Y-T-D |  |
|          | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 0     |  |
| TOTALS** | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 0     |  |

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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 |  |
| AQUARINA UTILITIES, INC.                       | 20       | 0                 | 20    | 23    |  |
| BEACHES SEWER SYSTEM                           | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITY COMPANY, LLC            | 1        | 0                 | 1     | 1     |  |
| CHARLIE CREEK UTILITIES, LLC                   | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 5     |  |
| COLONY PARK DEVELOPMENT UTILITIES, LLC         | 1        | 0                 | 1     | 1     |  |
| CRESTRIDGE UTILITIES, LLC                      | 0        | 1                 | 1     | 4     |  |
| EAST MARION UTILITIES, LLC                     | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| HC WATERWORKS, INC.                            | 0        | 1                 | 1     | 1     |  |
| HEATHER HILLS ESTATES UTILITIES, LLC           | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 2     |  |
| HOLIDAY GARDENS UTILITIES, LLC                 | 1        | 1                 | 2     | 3     |  |
| KINCAID HILLS WATER COMPANY                    | 0        | 1                 | 1     | 2     |  |
| LAKE OSBORNE WATERWORKS, INC.                  | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 10    |  |
| LAKESIDE WATERWORKS. INC.                      | 0        | 2                 | 2     | 3     |  |
| LITTLE GASPARILLA WATER UTILITY, INC.          | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| MOBILE MANOR WATER COMPANY, INC.               | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 2     |  |
| NI FLORIDA, LLC                                | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| NI FLORIDA, LLC                                | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| ORANGE LAND UTILITIES, LLC                     | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| ORCHID SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION         | 0        | 1                 | 1     | 1     |  |
| PARKLAND UTILITIES, INC.                       | 0        | 1                 | 1     | 1     |  |
| PEOPLES WATER SERVICE COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC. | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 2     |  |
| PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC.                   | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.                        | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 24    |  |
| RAINTREE WATERWORKS, INC.                      | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| ROYAL UTILITY COMPANY                          | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC.                      | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 2     |  |
| SUNNY SHORES WATER COMPANY, INC.               | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 2     |  |
| SUNRISE UTILITIES, LLC                         | 1        | 2                 | 3     | 11    |  |
| SUNSHINE UTILITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.    | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA                     | 1        | 0                 | 1     | 4     |  |
| WILDWOOD WATER COMPANY                         | 0        | 0                 | 0     | 1     |  |
| TOTALS**                                       | 25       | 10                | 35    | 115   |  |

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#### **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.