

## FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT November 2014

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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 November 2014**

Complaints Received & Entered in	ato CATS			768
Electric			56	
Gas			6	
LifeLine			17	
Relay			0	
Pay Telephone			0	
Water & Wastewater			10	
Non-certificated Company Complain	its Logged		0	
Electric		0		
Gas		0		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
Industry Unknown		0		
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls	Transferred to Utilities)		580	
Electric		568		
Gas		12		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities	from the PSC Web site)		23	
Electric		23		
Gas		0		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Da	y Rule		76	
Electric		73		
Gas		3		
Telecommunications		0		
Water / Wastewater		0		
Information Requests Received &	Entered into CATS			1,389
Total New Cases Received & Enter	red into CATS			2,157
How Cases Were Received	Complaints	Information Requests		Total Cases
Phone	683	1,161		1,844
Mail	6	14		20

How Cases Were Received	Complaints	Information Requests	<b>Total Cases</b>
Phone	683	1,161	1,844
Mail	6	14	20
Internet	78	211	289
Fax	1	3	4
Totals	768	1,389	2,157

### **Cases by Industry**

#### November 2014

	Complaints Logged	% of Total Complaints*	Information Requests Logged	% of Total Information Requests*
Electric	56	7 %	279	20 %
Natural Gas	6	1 %	20	1 %
Telecommunications	17	2 %	685	49 %
Lifeline	17	2 %		
Relay	0	0 %		
Pay Telephone	0	0 %		
Water & Wastewater	10	1 %	65	5 %
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	0	0 %	340	24 %
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	580	76 %		
E-Transfers	23	3 %		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	76	10 %		
Total	768	100 %	1,389	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 November 2014



Note: County name not available for 46 cases e.g., complaints received by e-mail, telephone transfer-connects, non-Florida addresses, etc.

### **Electric Companies**

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
DUKE ENERGY, INC.	8	31	39	441
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	2	8	10	148
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	0	0	10
GULF POWER COMPANY	0	0	0	8
TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY	5	2	7	99
TOTALS**	15	41	56	706

<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	2	0	2	18
FLORIDA DIVISION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION	1	0	1	2
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	1	1	14
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	2	0	2	26
TOTALS**	5	1	6	60

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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	14	88
CENTURYLINK	1	9
COX FLORIDA TELCOM, L.P.	0	1
VERIZON FLORIDA LLC	2	14
WOW! INTERNET, CABLE AND PHONE	0	1
TOTALS*	17	113

<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
AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, INC.	0	0	0	1
FLORIDA PUBLIC TELEPHONE COMPANY	0	0	0	2
TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE INC.	0	0	0	1
TOTALS**	0	0	0	4

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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

	<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
BLACK BEAR RESERVE WATER CORPORATION	0	0	0	1
CORAL CAY WATER & SEWER COMPANY	0	0	0	1
COUNTRY CLUB UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	2
CRESTRIDGE UTILITY CORPORATION	0	0	0	1
EAST MARION SANITARY SYSTEMS, INC.	0	0	0	25
FAIRMOUNT UTILITIES, THE 2ND, INC.	0	0	0	1
FIMC HIDEAWAY, INC.	0	0	0	1
FOUR LAKES GOLF CLUB, LTD.	0	0	0	1
FOUR POINTS UTILITY CORPORATION	0	2	2	11
GRENELEFE RESORT UTILITY, INC.	0	0	0	2
HEATHER HILLS ESTATES UTILITIES, LLC	0	1	1	1
HOLIDAY GARDENS UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1
K W RESORT UTILITIES CORP.	0	0	0	1
KINCAID HILLS WATER COMPANY	0	0	0	1
LAKE OSBORNE WATERWORKS, INC.	0	0	0	4
LP WATERWORKS, INC.	0	1	1	3
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	1	1	6
PARK WATER COMPANY	0	0	0	1
PEOPLES WATER SERVICE COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	1
PLACID LAKES UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1
PLANTATION BAY UTILITY CO.	0	0	0	1
PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.	0	0	0	5
ROYAL UTILITY COMPANY	1	0	1	8
SANLANDO UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	1
SUNNY HILLS UTILITY COMPANY	0	0	0	1
SUNNY SHORES WATER CO., INC.	0	0	0	2
SUNRISE UTILITIES, LLC	0	1	1	4
SUNSHINE UTILITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.	1	0	1	5
THE WOODS UTILITY COMPANY	0	0	0	1
TLP WATER, INC.	0	0	0	1
TYMBER CREEK UTILITIES, INCORPORATED	0	0	0	7
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	1	1	3
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	1	1	4
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	1
UTILITIES, INC. OF PENNBROOKE	0	0	0	1

#### **Water & Wastewater Companies**

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	2	
WEST LAKELAND WASTEWATER, INC.	0	0	0	6	
WINDSTREAM UTILITIES COMPANY	0	0	0	2	
TOTALS**	2	8	10	121	

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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.