

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## CONSUMER ACTIVITY REPORT October 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 Regulatory Compliance and 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: <a href="mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us">contact@psc.state.fl.us</a>
- \*Or WRITE to:

Florida Public Service Commission Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

### **Consumer Activity Overview October 2011**

Complaints Received & Entered into	o CATS			991
Electric			56	
Gas	_		0	
Competitive Local Exchange Tele	phone		1	
Local Exchange Telephone			9	
Long Distance Telephone			0	
Pay Telephone			1	
Shared Tenant			0	
Water & Wastewater			25	
Non-certificated Company Complaints	s Logged		0	
Electric		0		
Gas		0		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
Industry Unknown		0		
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls T	ransferred to Utilities)		771	
Electric		764		
Gas		7		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
E-Transfers (E-mails sent to Utilities f	from the PSC Web site)		43	
Electric		43		
Gas		0		
Telecommunications		0		
Water/Wastewater		0		
Cases Received / Closed Under 3 Day	Rule		85	
Electric		85		
Gas		0		
Telecommunications		0		
Water / Wastewater		0		
Information Requests Received & E	ntered into CATS			3,615
Total New Cases Received & Entere	d into CATS			4,606
How Cases Were Received	Complaints	Information Requests		<b>Total Cases</b>
Phone	870	3,294		4,164
Mail	8	46		54
Internet	112	259		371
Fax	1	16		17

3,615

4,606

991

**Totals** 

### **Cases by Industry**

### October 2011

	Complaints Logged	% of Total Complaints*	Information Requests Logged	% of Total Information Requests*
Electric	56	6 %	483	13 %
Natural Gas	0	0 %	27	1 %
Telecommunications	11	1 %	2122	59 %
Competitive Local Exchange Telephone	1	0 %		
Local Exchange Telephone	9	1 %		
Long Distance Telephone	0	0 %		
Pay Telephone	1	0 %		
Shared Tenant	0	0 %		
Water & Wastewater	25	3 %	118	3 %
Non-certificated Company Cases logged**	0	0 %	865	24 %
Telephone Transfer-Connects (Calls Transferred to Utilities)	771	78 %		
E-Transfers	43	4 %		
Cases Received & Closed by 3 Day Rule	85	9 %		
Total	991	100 %	3,615	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, but the complaint issue may be jurisdictional.

# Complaints Received by County October 2011



Note: County name not available for 25 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	
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	8	16	24	239	
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	0	0	12	
GULF POWER COMPANY	0	1	1	9	
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.	12	12	24	295	
TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY	4	3	7	97	
TOTALS**	24	32	56	652	

<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	15
FLORIDA DIVISION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	3
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	0	0	0	14
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	0	0	0	30
TOTALS**	0	0	0	62

<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.

### **Local Telephone Companies**

		<b>Complaints Logged</b>			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
AT&T FLORIDA	1	1	2	526	
CENTURYLINK	1	3	4	95	
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	2	0	2	180	
WINDSTREAM FLORIDA, INC.	1	0	1	6	
TOTALS**	5	4	9	811	

<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.

# Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Companies Complaint Activity - October 2011

	Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D
ACN COMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	1
AMERICAN DIAL TONE, INC.	1	0	1	27
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 - October 2011

	Complaints Logged			
	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**	1	0	1	339

<sup>\*</sup>Please see Definitions.

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## **Long Distance Telephone Companies**

	Complaints Logged			
	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**

	Complaints Logged			
	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

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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.

### **Pay Telephone Companies**

		Complaints Logged			
	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	
OMEGA ONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1	0	1	1	
PACIFIC TELEMANAGEMENT SERVICES	0	0	0	1	
TRINITY HOLDINGS LTD., INC.	0	0	0	1	
TOTALS**	1	0	1	14	

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## Water & Wastewater Companies

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
ALLEN LAFORTUNE AND OTIS FONDER	0	1	1	1	
ALTURAS UTILITIES, L.L.C.	0	1	1	6	
ANGLERS COVE WEST, LTD.	0	2	2	2	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	1	0	1	3	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	3	2	5	23	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	1	1	6	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	3	3	7	
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	19	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	18	
AQUA UTILITIES FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	2	
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	5	
BIMINI BAY UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	2	2	6	
BLACK BEAR RESERVE WATER CORPORATION	0	0	0	10	
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	0	1	1	14	
HARBOR HILLS UTILITIES, L.P.	0	0	0	1	
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.	0	0	0	2	
LAKE UTILITY SERVICES, INC.	0	0	0	2	
LIGHTHOUSE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.	0	0	0	1	
MAD HATTER UTILITY, INC.	0	0	0	1	

### **Water & Wastewater Companies**

		Complaints Logged			
	Service*	Billing*	Total	Y-T-D	
NEIGHBORHOOD UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	1	1	8	
NI FLORIDA, LLC	0	0	0	1	
ORANGELAND WATER SUPPLY	0	0	0	1	
PARK WATER COMPANY	0	1	1	6	
PARKLAND UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
PEOPLES WATER SERVICE COMPANY OF FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	2	
PINECREST RANCHES, INC.	0	0	0	1	
PLANTATION BAY UTILITY CO.	0	0	0	2	
PLURIS WEDGEFIELD, INC.	2	1	3	5	
ROYAL UTILITY COMPANY	0	0	0	3	
SANLANDO UTILITIES CORPORATION	0	0	0	1	
SEBRING RIDGE UTILITIES, INC.	1	0	1	1	
SOUTHLAKE UTILITIES, INC.	0	0	0	2	
SUNNY SHORES WATER CO., INC.	0	0	0	1	
SUNRISE UTILITIES, LLC	0	0	0	2	
SUNSHINE UTILITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.	0	0	0	4	
TYMBER CREEK UTILITIES, INCORPORATED	0	0	0	1	
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	1	1	2	
UTILITIES, INC. OF FLORIDA	0	0	0	1	
UTILITIES, INC. OF LONGWOOD	1	0	1	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	
WINDSTREAM UTILITIES COMPANY	0	0	0	1	
TOTALS**	8	17	25	206	

<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.

# **Unauthorized Additional Telephone Service Charges**"Cramming"

### **Cases Resolved - October 2011**

	Month	Year-To-Date
	0	0
	0	1
AMERICA NET, LLC	0	1
AT&T FLORIDA	0	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*	0	58

<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.

# **Unauthorized Telephone Service Charges**

### "Local Slamming"

### **Cases Resolved - October 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

<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.

### **Unauthorized Telephone Service Charges**

## "Long Distance Slamming"

### **Cases Resolved - October 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

<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**

**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.