## California Public Utilities Commission Consumer Service and Information Division

## **Energy Industry**

Consumer Contacts that Require Enhanced Processing Presented by Utility Company, Category and Subcategory February 2016

This report presents a subset of total consumer contacts reported in Table 1. This data represents consumer contacts that require enhanced processing for resolution of consumers' complaints. These cases are known as Informal Complaints (ICs) and are sent to the appropriate utility for investigation. The utility must respond to the CPUC and address the allegations of the complaint. The following table reports the ICs by utility company and the nature of the complaint by category and the more specific subcategory.

**Table 2 - Energy Industry Contacts:** The companies listed in the table are organized in alphabetical order. Companies' names in this list may not reflect the company name under which services are marketed to the consumer.

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
ELC917	Commerce Energy, Inc.	Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
	527	·	Total ICs	1
ELC913	Golden State Water Company	Billing	Other Charges	1
		9	Total ICs	1
ELC998	Lancaster Choice Energy	Billing	High Bill	2
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	2
		_	Total ICs	4
ELC39,	Pacific Gas & Electric Company	Billing	Backbilling	1
GAS39,		Billing	Bill Adjustment	11
MUL39,		Billing	Deposits	2
STM39		Billing	Disputed Customer of Record	4
		Billing	Energy Diversion	2
		Billing	Estimated Billing	4
		Billing	High Bill	45
		Billing	Master/Sub Meters (Mobile Homes)	1
		Billing	Meter Inaccuracy	1
		Billing	Meter Reading Issue	1
		Billing	Other Charges	2
		Billing	Payment Arrangements	6
		Billing	Payment Error	2
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	15
		Policy and Practices	Safety	6
		Policy and Practices	SMART METER	1
		Public Purpose Programs	Net Energy Metering (NEM)	8
		Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	3
		Service	Disconnection Non Payment	1
		Service	Outage	2
		Service	Voltage Levels	1
			Total ICs	119

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
ELC902,	San Diego Gas & Electric	Billing	Disputed Customer of Record	1
GAS902,	Company	Billing	High Bill	6
MUL902,		Billing	Payment Arrangements	1
STM902		Public Purpose Programs	CARE Recertification	1
		Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	3
		Service	Disconnection Non Payment	1
		Service	Refusal To Serve	1
			Total ICs	14
ELC338,	Southern California Edison	Billing	Bill Adjustment	8
GAS338,	Company	Billing	Bill Not Received	2
MUL338		Billing	Crossed Meter Billing	1
		Billing	Deposits	7
		Billing	Disputed Customer of Record	6
		Billing	Estimated Billing	2
		Billing	High Bill	27
		Billing	Late Payment Charge - LPC	1
		Billing	Master/Sub Meters (Mobile Homes)	1
		Billing	Other Charges	3
		Billing	Payment Arrangements	2
		Policy and Practices	Safety	2
		Public Purpose Programs	CARE Recertification	1
		Public Purpose Programs	Net Energy Metering (NEM)	2
		Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	1
		Service	Disconnection Non Payment	3
		Service	Outage	6
		Service	Refusal To Serve	2
			Total ICs	77
GAS904	Southern California Gas	Billing	Balance/Level Pay Plan	1
	Company	Billing	Bill Adjustment	8
	' '	Billing	Bill Not Received	1
		Billing	Deposits	1
		Billing	Energy Diversion	1
		Billing	Estimated Billing	8
		Billing	High Bill	295
		Billing	Master/Sub Meters (Mobile Homes)	1
		Billing	Meter Inaccuracy	2
		Billing	Meter Reading Issue	1
		Billing	Other Charges	2
		Billing	Payment Arrangements	1
		Billing	Payment Error	1
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
		Policy and Practices	Safety	8
		Policy and Practices	SMART METER	2
		Public Purpose Programs	CARE Recertification	1
		Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	15
		Service	Disconnected In Error	2
		Service	Disconnection Non Payment	6
		Service	Outage	1
			Total ICs	359

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
GAS905	Southwest Gas Corporation	Billing	Deposits	1
		Billing	High Bill	19
		Billing	Payment Arrangements	1
			Total ICs	21
			Total ICs Sent	596

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Due to the carryover of cases received in previous months, there are slight differences between the total number of ICs sent to the utilities and the number of written contacts received in a month.