

Created by the Florida Legislature in 1887, the FPSC was originally called the Florida Railroad Commission and primarily regulated railroad passenger and freight rates and operations. As Florida grew, the Commission's purpose expanded.

- 1887- Florida Railroad Commission was established, Chapter 3746
- 1891- Repeal of Chapter 4068, abolishing the Florida Railroad Commission
- 1897- Enactment of Chapter 4700, re-establishing the Florida Railroad Commission
- 1911- Jurisdiction over telephone services added
- 1929- Jurisdiction over motor carrier transportation added
- 1947- Name changed to Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission
- 1951- Jurisdiction over investor-owned electric utilities added
- 1952- Jurisdiction over investor-owned natural gas utilities and safety-only for municipally owned gas utilities added
- 1959- Jurisdiction over privately owned water and wastewater companies added
- 1963- Name changed to Florida Public Utilities Commission
- 1965- Name changed to Florida Public Service Commission
- 1972- Jurisdiction over airlines added
- 1974- Rate structure jurisdiction over municipal and rural cooperative electric utilities added
- 1978- Airlines were deregulated
- 1979- **Commission composition changed from three elected to five appointed Commissioners**
- 1980- Motor carriers were deregulated
- 1985- Railroads were deregulated
- 1986- Safety jurisdiction over all electric utilities added
- 1992- Jurisdiction over intrastate natural gas pipelines added
- 1995- Legislature opened up local telecommunications market to increased competition
- 2011- The Commission's jurisdiction over telecommunications was reduced



Notes and Further Reading

Sources for further study:

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PSC

Public Service Commission



The Commission went from elected to Appointed in 1979..... **Appointed people owe allegiance to those who appoint them**, who represents the consumer? Who decided the PSC should be appointed? Why would the utilities/public need the PSC?

The Public Service Commission Does Not Serve The Public

They are bought and paid for via campaign contributions and take their cue from the Florida legislators. Electric utilities contributed more than \$18 million to state-level candidates and party organizations between 2004 and 2012, and spent more than \$12 million on lobbying between 2007 and 2013. Mike Fasano, the Pasco tax collector and a former state representative and senator, is also a critic of the PSC saying, "Unfortunately, the Public Service Commission and the Florida Legislature are bought and paid for by the utilities of Florida." In 2009, Fasano called for a Senate investigation of the PSC because he says back then, as now, legislators who control the PSC nominating commission are in the pocket of the utilities because of campaign contributions.

Fasano adds, "They can get away with it because they have paid for, they've bought and paid for the Florida Public Service Commission and the Florida Legislature and unfortunately the present governor."

The only way to change the PSC is to take the nominating process out of the legislators' hands. Some are suggesting going back to electing the PSC commissioners as was the case until 1979. Why not just abolish the PSC as the process is so profoundly corrupt it's roots will corrupt the elected.

What Does the UN Have To Do With US Utilities?

US Utility companies have bought into the UN initiatives on Sustainability. Based on lies from the scientific community our home based utility companies and their CEO's are swallowing the lies and following the money and forgetting about the rate payers. Rather than show integrity and common sense all has been abandoned to the detriment of the rate payer. As people wake up to the schemes of the global initiative and polar ice caps are expanding instead of shrinking the CEO's of utility companies are keeping their eyes closed shut to the reality of our weather systems. Sadly the rate payer is forced to comply with the utility companies as there are few to no options for the consumer. Trapped in a failing system and with no relief to the rate payer why should we need a PSC as it just adds a layer to the fraud and deception perpetuated on the public. Remove at least one layer of the fraud and we start to uncover the ugly truth; which will provide the rate payer more information and with that knowledge an op-

portunity to change.

In 1935, Congress had enacted the Public Utility Holding Act, which required that public utility holding companies reorganize their corporate structures and that the recently created Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) oversee and approve the reorganization plans. The law did not name any specific standard that the SEC was to use in evaluating the plans, and the SEC itself did not set any particular rule to govern its decisions. the rule of law facilitates government by the consent of the governed. Since rules are made in advance and apply to a broad array of cases that may arise in the future, the people have the opportunity to consent by way of the deliberation and votes of their elected representatives. In a situation where *ad hoc* decision making is used, a decision is made only once a particular case arises, **thus providing no opportunity for the citizens to grant their consent.** *Today the people have no elected PSC board members and should they once again return to the election process; it does not necessarily mean that the people will have representation.*

The Florida PSC is profoundly corrupt and out of control and you (the rate payer) funds this corruption with your money, abolish the PSC.