BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Complaint Against the City of Vero) Beach, Florida, by Stephen J. Faherty and) Glenn Fraser Heran) DOCKET NO. 090524-EM FILED: December 18, 2009

JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE DOCKET IN ABEYANCE

The parties in the above-referenced matter, Stephen J. Faherty and Glenn Fraser Heran (hereinafter "Complainants"), and the City of Vero Beach (hereinafter "City"), jointly request that formal proceedings in Docket No. 090524-EM continue in abeyance through September 30, 2014 and in support of this request the parties state as follows:

1. On or about April 12, 2011, the Complainants and the City agreed to hold formal proceedings in Docket No. 090524-EM in abeyance until approximately September 15, 2011 in order to allow time for the City to complete its review and analysis of a non-binding letter of intent tendered to the City by Florida Power & Light Company (hereinafter "FPL") regarding a potential purchase of the City's electric utility and to enter into negotiations for such potential sale and purchase.

2. Subsequent to the parties' aforementioned agreement to hold the proceedings in abeyance, the City has taken affirmative actions in pursuing the potential sale of its electric utility, including but not limited to: engagement of consultants to prepare valuations and reports; retained legal representation to assist the City in negotiations with FPL; agreed to extend the period of due diligence with FPL until September 30, 2012; a referendum question was put before the electors of the City on November 8, 2011 to seek approval of the lease of the City's power plant site as required by the City's Charter, which referendum was approved; instituted a Request for Qualifications process seeking parties interested in assuming the City's contracts with the Florida Municipal Power Agency (hereinafter "FMPA") and the Orlando Utilities Commission (hereinafter "OUC"); and invited FPL representatives to assist the City in discussions with FMPA and OUC in resolution of the City's contract issues.

3. In light of the foregoing continuing activities, the parties previously agreed and requested on September 7, 2011 to continue this docket in abeyance until June 29, 2012, which request was granted September 9, 2011. The parties subsequently requested an abeyance until January 30, 2014, which joint request was granted May 17, 2012.

4. The forgoing activities and negotiations between City and FPL remain ongoing and final resolution is being actively pursued with interested third-parties to the transaction. It is hoped that a firm closing date for the potential sale transaction will soon be established.

5. By continuing the formal proceedings in abeyance, the parties can avoid having to file pleadings and engage in other procedural activities such as discovery at this time and the City can concentrate its efforts on due diligence and negotiations with FPL regarding the potential sale and purchase transaction.

6. The Complainants and the City understand and acknowledge that such continuation of the abeyance in Docket No. 090524-EM, if granted, includes the parties' agreement that no party waives any rights to raise issues or defenses, oppose or move to strike issues, move to dismiss, or any other rights that the respective parties may have and that any applicable statutes of limitation or other time limitation shall be deemed tolled.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request the proceedings in Docket No. 090524-EM continue to be held in abeyance through September 30, 2014.

Respectfully submitted this <u>BH</u> day of <u>JANUARY</u> 201<u>4</u>.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Joint Motion to Continue Docket in Abeyance was furnished to the following by electronic and/or U.S. Mail this \underline{BH} day of \underline{JArumy} 2014.

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