

Ashley Quick

From: Angela Charles on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 4:48 PM
To: 'John Higgs'
Subject: RE: Fwd: Indian River Shores docket160049

Good afternoon Mr. Higgs,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160049-EU and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Angela M. Charles
Commission Deputy Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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From: John Higgs [<mailto:higgscom@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 4:28 PM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Indian River Shores docket160049

Sirs,
Apparently my earlier communication to the Commission addressed to you was not properly addressed. I end it again for the record
John Higgs

From: [John Higgs](#)
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 4:16 PM
To: [John Higgs](#)
Subject: Fwd: Indian River Shores docket160049

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Higgs <higgscom@comcast.net>
Date: April 6, 2016 at 10:33:33 AM EDT
To: "Commissioner.Brown@psc.state.fl.us" <Commissioner.Brown@psc.state.fl.us>
Cc: "clerk@psc.state.fl.com" <clerk@psc.state.fl.com>
Subject: **Indian River Shores docket160049**

Dear Mr. Chairman

I am one of the residents of Indian River Shores that has been burdened by the extortionate

utility rates imposed upon me by the City of Vero Beach. I have known for years that the territorial agreement had an expiration date and have waited patiently for it to expire. I assumed that at that time we could be free of Vero and make our own deal. I also noted that when the City entered into a coal based supply agreement only a few years ago it was not only ignoring the expiration date it had with the Town but it was making a VERY stupid decision. The same can be said for the earlier deals it made.

None of the residents of our Town were consulted when these deals were made and they were made, apparently, on the assumption that we were forever locked into the Vero system. This assumption is not correct. Your Commission can free us of this expired agreement (and the territorial franchise) that apparently goes with it including the unreasonable rates and unfair subsidization of the City's operation that we now suffer under.

The City claims that it should receive protection for the future and be paid for its investment. In America that only is legal and fair if the person claiming a return on its investment deserves so because its operation was well run and it made good investment decisions.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The City has, without the participation of me as a ratepayer or my Town, consistently made economically stupid decisions. Let it live with them. That is the American way.

Let it live with them and let us innocent victims make our own decisions for our own futures. I think we can make ones that are better but if not we can and will live them.

Free us from this unfair territorial agreement when the franchise agreement expires!

John H Higgs
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