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From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2016 8:25 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Electric Utility Coverage in Indian River Shores

Please place the following in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 160049-EU.

Thank you.

From: Peter Thompson [<mailto:petermthompson@me.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 10:52 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Brown
Subject: Electric Utility Coverage in Indian River Shores

Dear Chairman Brown,

I am a resident of Indian River Shores who is currently provided electric service by the City of Vero Beach. I am writing about our Town's petition before the PSC to re-draw the service boundaries so that Indian River Shores can be serviced by Florida Power & Light.

I cannot tell you how strongly I feel about this issue and how outraged I am that Vero Beach continues to charge me rates that are at least 30% higher than FPL's and then uses these incremental profits to subsidize other operations in the city that should be subsidized by city taxpayers. As a resident of Indian River Shores, I do not vote in Vero Beach elections, I have no representation in the city, and yet Vero Beach persists in taxing me with this egregious electric surcharge. This is not some obscure legal issue about franchise rights... this is taxation without representation, and it has been going on since the territorial agreement was last reviewed 28 years ago.

I urge the PSC to recognize the absolute injustice of this situation and to support the Town of Indian River shores in its request to redraw the service boundaries so that the whole town can be serviced by Florida Power and Light. This is a company whose rates are regulated by the PSC and I am confident that this change would cure the issues that are leading to our exorbitant electric rates that come from Vero Beach's unregulated monopoly position under the current arrangement.

Florida Power and Light has made a significant cash offer to Vero Beach to buy out the Indian River customer base, the Indian River customer base wants this change to happen, but the City of Vero Beach is just digging in because this unregulated monopoly is so valuable to it.

PLEASE do the right thing in this case, and vote in favor of Indian River Shores' proposed change in service boundaries.

Thank you for your attention,
Sincerely,
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