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**From:** Angela Charles on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2016 8:17 AM  
**To:** 'Susie MacDonald'  
**Subject:** RE: Another Plea to be released from the Yoke of the City of Vero Beach Electric

Good morning Ms. MacDonald,

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  
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Florida Public Service Commission  
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**From:** Susie MacDonald [<mailto:smacdon932@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 8:46 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown; Office of Commissioner Brisé; Office Of Commissioner Edgar; Office Of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Patronis  
**Cc:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Another Plea to be released from the Yoke of the City of Vero Beach Electric

Dear Commissioners,

I am a retired high school government teacher residing in Indian River Shores, Florida. I implore you, as a dedicated public servant, to pay attention to the egregious situation we have with the monopolistic unregulated utility - the City of Vero Beach, over which we have no control. As I am sure you are aware, our electric fees are much more than our neighbors using Florida Power and Light. And the City of Vero Beach is accustomed to subsidizing its city budget with electric fees from our town. The citizens of our town unanimously desire to be let out of the yoke of Vero Beach Electric. We implore you to redraw the service boundaries so our town can be served by a bona fide regulated utility- Florida Power and Light. This is within your power, and I am sure within your conscience, as the right thing to do. Here are a few more pertinent points:

- The constitutional issue before the PSC is not some obscure legal issue on a law school exam. This is a real issue that is harming the people in our community.
- Under the pretense of a territorial agreement, Vero Beach is operating an unregulated monopoly in our Town.
- The last time the PSC reviewed that territorial agreement was over 28 years ago.
- Our residents have no say in how rates are set or how Vero Beach uses the unregulated profits that it extracts from us.
- Our residents are forced to subsidize the operations of a City that is unaccountable to them. Many would call this “taxation without representation.”
- Having FPL, whose rates are professionally and neutrally regulated by the PSC, as the single electric utility provider in our Town would cure these issues.

Please be part of the responsive democracy I used to teach my students. If ever there was a situation where public officials should listen to the will of the majority, here it is. Thanks for “listening” and reading this letter.

Sincerely,  
Susan MacDonald  
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