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From:	Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent:	Tuesday, August 30, 2016 3:17 PM
To:	'David M. Levine'
Cc:	Consumer Contact
Subject:	RE: Vero Beach City Council Rejection of Proposal by FPL Regarding Purchase Of Indian River Shores Utility System

Good afternoon Mr. Levine,

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,

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From: David M. Levine [mailto:dml@lklsg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 3:12 PM
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Subject: Vero Beach City Council Rejection of Proposal by FPL Regarding Purchase Of Indian River Shores Utility System

My wife and I are residents of Indian River Shores, and reside at 11 Southampton Terrace, Indian River Shores , Fl. 32963.

While we love living in Indian River Shores, I am writing to express our disappointment at the recent action by the Vero Beach City Council – notwithstanding what we are told was the unanimous recommendation of its own Utilities Commission - to reject the generous offer by Florida Power and Light ("FPL") to purchase the Indian River Shores utility system.

We have been residents of Indian River Shores since September, 2014. During that time period, it has become clear that the utility rates charged to us by Vero Beach are significantly in excess of those charged by FPL for comparable properties. This is also based on our experience as prior homeowners in Miami-Dade County serviced by FPL for many years. Even more troubling is the lack of redress by homeowners during periods of power outages, which seem to occur frequently because of the state of disrepair of the Vero Beach utility

system. During power outages several months ago, we were unable to reach the Vero Beach utility system either by telephone or email to determine either the cause of the outages or the anticipated time necessary for restoration of service. In fact, it took many hours to restore service. This is totally the opposite of our prior experience with FPL, which has an effective system in place to address such issues and to advise its customers.

I hope you will favorably consider our Town's petition to redraw the service boundry so we can be served by FPL.   My understanding is that you will be hearing the Town's case on September 13.

Thank you,

David Levine.

David M. Levine
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