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Subject: RE: September 13th Public Service Hearing

Mr. and Mrs. Lowenberg,

On behalf of Chairman Brown, we have received your email dated September 4, 2016. The Commission Clerk has placed a copy of your email in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 160049-EU, *In re: Petition by the Town of Indian River Shores for Modification of Territorial Order Based on Changed Legal Circumstances Emanating from Article VIII, Section 2(c) of the Florida Constitution*. Thank you for providing the Commission with your comments.

Sincerely,

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To the Public Service Commissioners of the State of Florida,

1] Vero Beach is operating an unregulated monopoly in our town, and is subjecting its captive customers in our Town to unregulated monopoly abuses, including excessive electricity prices (which are now over 30% higher than the FPL's) and inferior quality service (e.g., unlike FPL the City does not offer rebates for energy efficient appliances nor does it offer smart meters that can lower electric bills.)

- 2] 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.
- 3] Not only are our residents CAPTIVE customers to the Vero Beach electric utility, they are also completely disenfranchised. Our residents have NO SAY WHATSOEVER in how the Vero utility operates, how rates are set, or how the city of Vero Beach uses the unregulated profits that it extracts from us.
- 4] Meanwhile our residents are forced to subsidize the operations of a City that is "TOTALLY" unaccountable to them. This is CLASSIC "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION." We need your help and fairness.
- 5] The predecessors to the current PSC created this debacle when they approved the Territorial Agreement some 28 years ago.
- 6] The PSC has NOT reviewed that territorial agreement as it applies to our Town in over 28 years!
- 7] NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE CURRENT PSC TO CORRECT THESE INJUSTICES.

We thank you for taking the time to read our short note and for the many services that you render the State of Florida.

Most sincerely,

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