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**DATE:** 08/15/2018  
**TO:** Office of Commission Clerk  
**FROM:** Bureau of Consumer Assistance, Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach  
**RE:** Customer Correspondence

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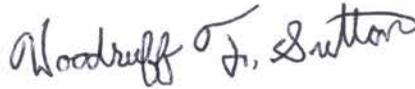
Please add the attached customer correspondence to Docket Correspondence-Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket 20170235-EI & 20170236-EU.

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August 13, 2018

To: Public Service Commission of Florida  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

From: Woodruff F. Sutton  
1730 West Rosewood Court  
Vero Beach, Florida 32966



Subject: Sale of the City of Vero Beach Electric Utilities to Florida Power and Light

Dear Commissioners:

I have been a resident of Indian River County, Florida for 12 years. During that period I have owned two homes. The first was in the town of Indian River Shores where I was an FPL customer for nine years. The second and current home is in unincorporated Indian River County where I have been a customer of the City's Electric Utility for three years. The two homes are comparable in square footage, quality of construction, and kilowatt hours consumed. I can assure you that the consistency of electric power delivery by both providers has been excellent. That, unfortunately, is the only favorable comparison.

Here are some key components from my utility bill for the 06/22/2018 – 07/23/2018 billing period:

Electric Service: KWH Usage: 4358; Meter Amount due: \$297.21; Purchased Power: \$298.61.  
IRC Franchise Fee: \$35.75; Gross Receipts Tax \$15.28.

That is a comparable bill to what I would have received in the summer months from FPL with one glaring exception: there would have been no Purchased Power surcharge which essentially doubles my costs. That will end when I become an FPL customer.

During my 12 years of County residency I have watched the trials and tribulations involved in consummating this sale. A willing buyer and a willing seller have negotiated an agreement that has the support of a majority of the city residents (after two referendums) and certainly the support of the 61% of the City's customers, who like me, are County residents and thus deprived of any formal political oversight of the City's and Utility's business decisions.

I fail to see where anyone is harmed by this transaction. The four entities who are protesting the sale have yet to provide any substantive proof that they or their members will be harmed. I urge you to let the "will of those directly affected, the residents" guide your review and ultimate decision come October. Please don't allow the self-serving positions of these groups to sway you from a decision that has been properly made by you, the Commission.

Thank You.

Cc: Honorable Harry Howle, Mayor, City of Vero Beach  
Honorable Tim Zorc, Indian River County Commissioner, District 3