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May 4, 2018

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer
Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

ATT: PSC Commissioners

RE: Petition for Authority to Charge FPL Rates to Former COVB Customers and for Approval of Accounting Treatment of COVB Electric System Acquisition (Docket #20170235-EI); Petition to Terminate Territorial Agreement (Docket #20170236-EU)

Dear Commissioners:

I understand you will be reviewing the sale of the Vero Beach electric system to FPL very soon. I'm writing to underscore just how important the sale is to our city.

As you know, for many years concerned citizens in our community have worked to make this sale a reality because the benefits for our residents are clear. Vero Beach ratepayers will immediately experience the benefits when they open their bills to discover they are paying up to 30 percent less than they were prior to the sale. That makes an enormous difference to a family trying to make ends meet.

It will also have an impact on our business community, allowing existing businesses more opportunity to expand and hire more people as well as giving entrepreneurs more confidence to start a new venture.

In addition, as an elected leader of Vero Beach, one of my greatest concerns is for citizen safety. FPL's more modern and reliable system promises faster restoration of power in the event of a hurricane or other outage, keeping everyone safer and healthier.

Thank you for giving due consideration to the importance of this sale to Vero Beach. I ask you to approve it.

Sincerely,



Lange Sykes, Vice Mayor
City of Vero Beach

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