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**From:** Carlotta Stauffer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 06, 2018 12:53 PM  
**To:** 'Kathy Bennett Tonkel'  
**Subject:** Vero Electric Sale to Florida Power and Light Company

Good Afternoon, Vice Chairman Tonkel,

Your comments will be placed with correspondence in Docket Nos. 20170235 and 20170236.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kathy Bennett Tonkel [<mailto:kattonkel@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 05, 2018 5:53 PM  
**To:** Carlotta Stauffer  
**Subject:** Vero Electric Sale to Florida Power and Light Company

Dear Public Service Commissioners:

As Vice Chairman of Vero Beach's Utilities Commission, I've had a front row seat watching this electric sale for many years now.

I have some concerns I believe are critical to draw to your attention:

The stipulations you've been presented with are based on an outdated sale between two utilities with very different circumstances from the Vero Beach/ FPL deal. It's only natural, and even prudent, to look at how past deals have worked out. However, in this case, I ask you to place much more weight on the unique circumstances surrounding this deal rather than on a sale that took place more than a quarter of a century ago. Many people have worked very hard over a long period of time to make this sale a reality. The decade of negotiations behind this deal represents the due diligence and expertise of local stakeholders as well as FPL officials.

Please consider the sale as a whole rather than scrutinizing parts. The fact of the matter is that this deal will have a positive impact on the bottom lines of both residential and commercial electric customers in Vero Beach and all of FPL's current customers. The typical residential customer can expect to save from up to \$25 each month. To folks struggling to make ends meet it represents more groceries in the pantry and more gas in the car.

I also want to point out that this deal is fully supported by our community. The Vero Beach Utilities Commission, Vero Beach City Council, and the Vero Beach Electorate in the form of 2 referendums all support this sale. We hope you hear us loud and clear.

Thank you for your work in looking out for the best interests of Florida utility customers. I strongly believe this deal is in our best interest, and respectfully ask you to approve it.

Sincerely,

Rock Tonkel  
Vice Chairman  
City of Vero Beach Utilities Commission