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To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: October 10-11, 2018 Order No. PSC-2018-0370-PCO-EU; Docket Nos. 20170235-E1, 20170236-EU / Letter from Mayor Harry Howle, City of Vero Beach, Florida
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Good Afternoon,

Please place the attached e-mail in docket correspondence, consumers and their representatives, in Docket No. 20170235-EI and 20170236-EU. Thank you!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Chairman Art Graham
Public Service Commission of Florida
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: October 10-11, 2018 Order No. PSC-2018-0370-PCO-EU; Docket Nos. 20170235-EI, 20170236-EU

Dear Chairman Graham,

As the Mayor of the City of Vero Beach, and on behalf of our residents and neighbors who are being negatively impacted by those who have chosen to protest your July 2, 2018 order approving the sale of Vero Electric to FPL, I am writing to ensure that these residents and neighbors will have an opportunity to speak during a public comment period at the October 10-11 hearing in Tallahassee.

As you know, City of Vero Beach electric customers have been waiting for a decade for FPL rates. We have passed two referenda, Vero Beach customers have elected pro-sale candidates, and we have been in front of the PSC on a number of occasions in an attempt to complete this sale. Your favorable July 2 order was one of the most significant days in the history of the City of Vero Beach.

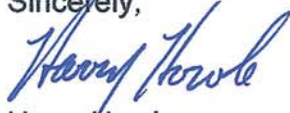
I hope you can understand our extreme disappointment when we received word of four appeals mere days before the end of our appeal period. The local group/residents who appealed have all been part of a minority faction of residents who have opposed this sale for many years and worked behind the scenes to kill it but the will of the people could not be silenced.

We also are furious that the Florida Industrial Power Users Group has protested. So many of their members enjoy the low rates, high reliability and added benefits that FPL offers its commercial customers. We just can't wrap our heads around why these corporate entities would attempt to block hard working Vero Beach and Indian River County residents from realizing the same rates and service that they enjoy from FPL. It doesn't make sense.

Many of us plan to travel to Tallahassee again for the hearing and it is our hope that you will once again give us opportunity to speak publicly at the October hearing.

Thank you in advance for allowing our voices to be heard and please let me know if there is any particular procedure you would like us to follow upon arrival.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harry Howle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "H".

Harry Howle

Mayor, City of Vero Beach

CC:

Commissioner Julie Brown

Commissioner Gary Clark

Commissioner Donald Polmann

Commissioner Andrew Fay