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Florida Public Service Commission  
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Dear Ms. Stauffer:

I want to express my dismay at the delay in the conclusion of the sale of Vero Beach Electric to Florida Power and Light. My review of the appeals reveals little merit in their assertions. As a Council Member, I understand the arguments made over the course of the past two years. In all cases, my top priority has been the interests of the residents of Vero Beach. The Young Family has been part of this community from the creation of Vero and Indian River County.

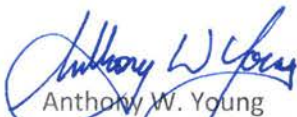
Many will benefit from the strengths that Florida Power and Light brings to our sea-side village. The last-minute appeals from some local residents and the Civic Group came as a surprise. The weight of public support stands behind this transaction moving forward. The capabilities that FPL brings cannot be approached by our municipal electric utility. The positive long-term benefits impact county wide.

The citizens of Vero Beach and the Vero Beach Electric customers beyond our town need your resolve. The Florida Industrial Power Utility Group has already made their case. They, like others, enjoy the advantages of Florida Power and Light. Do not thwart the sale that provides Vero Beach those same opportunities.

This transaction is clearly in the best interest of Vero Beach. The terms are very favorable and afford the City with the revenue to transition in a coherent manner. In addition, the detailed operational steps are already underway. The commotion the appeals bring are preventing us from moving forward and creates unnecessary angst. It has caused havoc in numerous ways. The appeals serve only to stymie the business of serving our residents.

The City of Vero Beach celebrates its centennial in 2019. We expect your hearing in regards to the appeal will enable us to begin our next century with the savings, capacity, and stability of FPL. Please contact me if I may provide additional insight. I consider it an honor to represent the citizens of this town. I appreciate the opportunity to convey my concerns. Please know we trust in your judgment to safeguard the decisions made to build a better future for Vero Beach and Indian River County.

Sincerely,



Anthony W. Young  
Colonel, US Army (Ret)  
Vero Beach Council Member

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