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**From:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 3:09 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** FW: Vero Beach Electric Sale

Please place the e-mail below in Docket Nos. 20170235-EI and 20170236-EU.

Thank you.

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**From:** Jim McCown [<mailto:mccown02@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 1:23 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown; Office Of Commissioner Clark; Office Of Commissioner Graham;  
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**Subject:** Vero Beach Electric Sale

Dear Commissioners,

My naem is James McCown and my wife and I Jane McCown have been property owners in Vero Beach for almost 30 ears. All duringg this time we have paid the City of Vero Beach's electric charges with no sya in how such rates were establish and no recourse for any other options. Rates have been higher that cities around us in order for the city to transfer millions from the utility account to the general fund. They tell us that this keeps our property taxes down!

So I pay high rates which I can not claim on my federal income taxes so therefor get none of the benefit that similar cities give to there residents.

Residents of Vero Beach have passed TWO referendums b more that a simple majority for the city to sell the utility. Instead our previous councils "negotiated" very poor contracts with the FEMPA which held us hostage util pressure was brought from the state audit and a contract with the OUC which included a massive penalty if we tried to leave the deal.

We as residents have suffered high electric rates long enough, PLEASE approve the sale to FPL!!

Thank You

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