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Ms. Julia Johnson  
Chair, Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**Re: Docket # 980755**

Dear Ms. Johnson:

I am writing to **oppose** the proposed switch in my residential area of electric companies, from the Jacksonville Electric Authority to Florida Power and Light.

I am one of the approximately 1,800 customers which would be affected by the switch. As you may know, there was a town meeting last night sponsored by the St. Johns County Commission. Present at that meeting were two representatives from the Public Service Commission. I'm sure that these representatives will probably report their observations. However, I observed that the approximately 250-300 attendees were overwhelmingly opposed to this proposed switch-over. Reasons mentioned by speakers opposed to the proposed switch-over included:

- 1) Almost every one of the speakers/customers are pleased with JEA's rates and service.
- 2) Many speakers who have been FPL customers in the past expressed displeasure over FPL's record of services and rates.
- 3) The reason for "carving out" only a small section of St. Johns County for the proposed switch-over, appeared to be arbitrary and unfair.
- 4) Why should customers be forced, against their wishes, to pay more for electricity when overall services by the new company appear to be less reliable that what we now have?

As I mentioned earlier, it appears that the vast majority of customers which would be affected are opposed to the proposed switch-over. Although it will be very inconvenient, I believe that many of us will be at the PSC meeting in Tallahassee on September 22 to voice our opposition. However, I want you to know now about the deep-seated resentment of this proposed switch-over by most of the 1,800 affected customers.

Sincerely,  


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