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Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Please pass the following letter on to the Florida Public Service Commissioners. This letter is in strong support of Docket #20170235-EI – Petition for Authority to Charge FPL Rates to Former COVB Customers and for Approval of Accounting Treatment of COVB Electric System Acquisition, and Docket # 20170236-EU – Petition to Terminate Territorial Agreement.

Dear Commissioners:

Before you review the sale of our city's electric system to FPL, I hope that you will allow me to offer my support. There is no question in my mind that it is the best possible scenario for all involved. In fact, it was my primary motivation for running for city council last year. I felt so strongly that Vero Beach should move forward with this deal that I wanted to help my fellow Councilmembers, Harry Howle and Lange Sykes, with their good and hard work to make it happen. As we near the finalization of this goal, we know we stand on the shoulders of city and community leaders who have gone before us: men and women who had a vision for how this sale would positively impact Vero Beach. The local voters have voted twice for referendums in favor of sales to FPL and the pro-sale candidates have won multiple recent elections; the citizens have spoken.

Not only do Vero electric customers stand to benefit from lower rates, the sale would also clearly put Vero Beach in a much stronger financial position. The City will use some of the proceeds of the sale to pay off existing contracts and obligations that are necessary for the sale, putting us in great shape going forward. Please support the two petitions referenced above so that our city can realize these benefits soon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val Zudans".

Val Zudans
Vero Beach City Councilman

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