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## Public Service Commission

August 6, 2018

To: Parties of Records and Interested Persons in Docket Nos. 20170235-EI and 20170236-EU

**Re: Docket No. 20170235-EI** - Petition by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) for authority to charge FPL rates to former City of Vero Beach customers and for approval of FPL's accounting treatment for City of Vero Beach transaction.

**Docket No. 20170236-EU** - Joint petition to terminate territorial agreement, by Florida Power & Light and the City of Vero Beach.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Commission is reporting the attached Communication in the above-referenced dockets which has been made a part of the record in this proceeding:

**Memorandum from Chairman Art Graham with attached letter  
from Mayor Harry Howle, City of Vero Beach**

Pursuant to Section 350.042(4), Florida Statutes, any party who desires to respond to this communication may do so within 10 days by sending a response to the Office of Commission Clerk, 2450 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carlotta S. Stauffer".

Carlotta S. Stauffer  
Commission Clerk

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Enclosure

cc: Keith Hetrick, General Counsel

## Carlotta Stauffer

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**From:** Jim Varian  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 04, 2018 10:11 PM  
**To:** Carlotta Stauffer  
**Cc:** Keith Hetrick  
**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  
**Attachments:** doc20180801141528.pdf

Carlotta –

Commissioner Graham requests that you place on the record in dockets 20170235 and 20170236 the below email and its attachment, an ex parte letter from Vero Beach Mayor Harry Howle, as specified in 350.042(4) FS.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Jim Varian  
Chief Advisor to Chairman Art Graham  
Florida Public Service Commission  
[jvarian@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:jvarian@psc.state.fl.us)  
850-413-6022

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**From:** Philo, Sherri [<mailto:SPhilo@covb.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 2:10 PM  
**To:** Office Of Commissioner Graham; Office Of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** 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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sherri Philo, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk  
City of Vero Beach  
1053 20<sup>th</sup> Place  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

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Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Chairman Art Graham  
Public Service Commission of Florida  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32311

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.

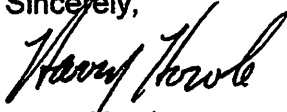
I hope you can understand our extreme disappointment when we received word of four appeals mere days before the end of our appeal period. The local group/residents who appealed have all been part of a minority faction of residents who have opposed this sale for many years and worked behind the scenes 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 black 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