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DATE:

August 28, 2018

TO:

Docket Nos. 20170235-EI and 20170236-EU

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FROM:

Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

RE:

Consumer Correspondence

Attached is correspondence received from four consumers to be filed in Docket Nos. 20170235-EI and 20170236-EU.

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Attachment

From:

Mike Galen <fmgalen@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 27, 2018 11:07 PM

To:

commissioner.brown@psc.stat.fl.us; Office Of Commissioner Clark;

Office Of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Polmann;

Office of Commissioner Fay; Carlotta Stauffer

**Subject:** 

Please allow the sale of Vero Beach Utility to Florida Power and Light

#### Dear PSC Commisioners,

We both are residents of Indian River County and have been elated at the finally approved sale of Vero Electrical Utility to Florida Power and Light. This was long overdue, as this utility was surcharging all of its customers each around \$100 per month, which was used to keep property taxes lower, within the city limits of Vero Beach. More than 1/2 of the customers live outside of these city limits and derive no monetary benefit from this surcharge. The system is quite antiquated, with no investment into this infrastructure. Now we have learned that a small group of self serving persons have tried to stop this sale. Please look at the benefit for the overall community who have expressed for years for the sale to take place. Please allow the sale to FP&L to take place as negotiated.

Thank you all,

Fred Michael Galen Debra C. Galen 2295 44 avenue Vero Beach, FI 32966

From:

JIM SCOTT < jscott1238@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 8:08 AM

To: Subject: Carlotta Stauffer Vero Beach Utilites

Ms. Stauffer,

Please feel free to pass this on to your PSC Commissioners. I was pleased, that the small and somewhat inefficient Utilities Company in Vero Beach were planning to sell to FPL. It looked like a done deal, until the FPSC and FIPUG folks decided to step in and try to stop it! Those of us who have suffered with high electric bills and poor service, are looking forward to this sale. The city is for it, the residents are for it, and yet we have to live with what we have?

Don't the consumers have a say? Let's get on with the sale, please. We are living with less than satisfactory services and costs.

Thanks,

JIM SCOTT jscott1238@aol.com 120 Peppertree Drive Vero Beach FL 32963 772-584-3667

From:

Colonel Joseph Streff <streff.joe@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 9:30 AM

To:

Carlotta Stauffer

Cc:

Office Of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Brown; Office

Of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Fay; Office of

Commissioner Polmann

Subject:

Vero Electric Sale

Dear Clerk Stauffer, Chairman Graham, and PSC Commissioners,

I urge you all to reconsider your hold on approval of the Vero Electric sale. This sale was already approved and does not require further "consideration" prior to approval. Delaying the sale will only cause financial hardship for many in our community who have been burdened by exorbitant price gouging for many years. The old contract should never have been signed for such an extended period, a fault of those who are long gone from office. We, the current residents, are now suffering from an infrastructure that hasn't been updated in some areas for over a decade and continually fails at the slightest storm. Our confidence in the sale of this is that it will provide quality service at reasonable rates that are worth every penny. Please reconsider. We firmly request you approve the sale as negotiated! Thank you.

Joseph Streff Vero Electric Customer

Joseph Streff, PA (Retired) COL, US Army (Retired) "My inabilities will never limit the ability of the Lord!" - JG, 2016 Paul declared, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9 † Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: Mary Streff <mmstreff@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 1:57 PM

To: Carlotta Stauffer; comissioner.brown@psc.state.fl.us;

comissioner.clark@psc.state.fl.us; comissioner.graham@psc.state.fl.us; comissioner.polmann@psc.state.fl.us; comissioner.fay@psc.state.fl.us

**Subject:** Approve the Vero Electric Sale as Negotiated

I am writing this as a resident of the area affected by the Vero electric sale. We have been unfairly paying higher electric rates than our neighbors within blocks of us for many years. Our grid has not been kept up and we have power outages with even minor storms. The negotiations for this sale have gone through what seemed like a fair and lengthy process to evaluate all the pros and cons for all the stake holders, and was approved. Now we find that it is once more being stalled by big monied companies, and the interests of the residents most directly affected are being ignored. As a public service commissioner, I am asking you to advocate for us, and listen to the residents most directly affected by this sale. Please approve the sale as already negotiated.