BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: 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.

In re: Joint petition to terminate territorial agreement, by Florida Power & Light and the City of Vero Beach.

DOCKET NO. 20170235-EI

DOCKET NO. 20170236-EU

CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S [CAIRC] MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER FROM INDIAN RIVER COUNTY'S IMPROPERLY SCHEDULED DEPOSTION

CAIRC, pursuant to Rules 1.280 & 1.310, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby files this Motion for Protection from an improperly scheduled deposition, and in support thereof states as follows:

- 1. Intervenor INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ["COUNTY"], represented by attorney Dylan Reingold, has set for deposition on Friday, September 28, 2018, a witness who has filed pre-hearing testimony on behalf of CAIRC. See "Notice," attached hereto as Exhibit A. The COUNTY'S stated purpose is "to clarify" the testimony of that witness.
- 2. COUNTY requested of CAIRC dates for a deposition of Jay Kramer via emails on or about September 19, 2018, in response to our request on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, to depose Vero Beach Mayor Harry Howle. See Exhibit B, Emails, attached.

- 3. The County did not enter as a party to this matter until just a few days prior to their request for this deposition.
- 4. While CAIRC found it difficult to fit this request into their own schedule, especially since CAIRC was unsure when the City of Vero Beach ["COVB"] would be able to produce Mayor Howle in the week before the Pre-Hearing Conference and discovery deadline, CAIRC contacted Mr. Kramer [who is not a member of CAIRC] in order to determine his availability. Mr. Kramer informed the attorney for CAIRC that he would be traveling that next week for his business, something he does quite regularly, and he had already purchased his airline tickets for the travel.
- 5. Attorney for CAIRC thereafter informed the COUNTY via Mr. Reingold of Mr. Kramer's travel and offered to have him respond to interrogatories instead. See Exhibit B.
- 6. In response to this suggestion, Mr. Reingold filed a Notice of Deposition for the 28th of September and threatened to move to strike Mr. Kramer's testimony should Mr. Kramer fail to attend. He states incorrectly that CAIRC "refuses" to produce Mr. Kramer when in fact that is far from accurate. See Docket Entry dated September 20, 2018, Notice filed by COUNTY/REINGOLD, and Exhibit B, emails. The Commission will note that it is a Notice "Duces Tecum" requesting a series of documents unrelated to Mr. Kramer's testimony and over which Mr. Kramer has no control or oversight.
- 7. While all parties are quite alarmingly aware of the very short time frame we have to accomplish a great deal in addressing the issues in this Docket, CAIRC has attempted in every way to adapt and comply with deadlines and requests for discovery.

[The only other discovery propounded by the COUNTY are interrogatories, requests for production, and requests for admissions directed to CAIRC, no other party.]

- 8. CAIRC did not object to the COUNTY'S request to intervene in this action, as our position is to be more inclusive without bringing many duplicate parties with identical issues into the proceedings. While both the COVB and FPL each have large law firms capable of doing multiple tasks covering multiple issues, if the COUNTY needed to appear as a party, alongside these well-equipped joint petitioners, bringing additional input for the PSC to consider, we did not oppose same.
- 9. Now it would appear rather obviously that the COUNTY'S sole reason for intervention is to create havoc for CAIRC. While we can only surmise as to intention, each step taken by the COUNTY and its legal representative has fairly screamed this conclusion.
- 10. Mr. Kramer will be available for examination at the full hearing on this docket. He has conflicts in scheduling for next week that cannot be avoided, especially since he is attempting to clear his schedule for October 9-10, 2018. He has agreed to take written questions/interrogatories.
- 11. The COUNTY is exhibiting unprofessional, harassing and threatening behavior, similar to that of several COVB officials. See Exhibit C, examples of COVB threats to parties opposing their actions. This has been a continuing problem of threats and intimidation by COUNTY and COVB officials attempting to shut off any voice seeking answers to questions regarding this DOCKET.
- 12. While CAIRC members and other citizens in our area have faced this threatening behavior for years, we hope that such behavior can terminate at the County

lines. As is normal for PSC actions, we know the Commission will see that the

importance of maintaining a professional standard of conduct includes protecting some

parties' rights against such harassment being brought by the COUNTY against CAIRC.

WHEREFORE CAIRC hereby respectfully requests that the Commission issue an

order protecting Mr. Jay Kramer from the improperly set deposition, pursueant to Rule

1.280, FRCP [20018] (annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or

expense that justice requires, that no hearing, deposition be forced upon a party that

cannot attend), for sanctions in the form of fees and costs be assessed against the

COUNTY and in favor of CAIRC for having to take the steps to protect themselves and

their witnesses pursuant to Rule 1.380(a)(4), and for any further relief this Commission

would deem just and proper.

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above and

foregoing has been electronically filed and forwarded via email this 21st day of

September, 2018, to: PARTIES listed below.

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By_/s/_LYNNE A. LARKIN_

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EXHIBIT A

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Filed: September 20, 2018

NOTICE OF TAKING DEPOSITION DUCES TECUM

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, by and through its undersigned attorney, will take the deposition by oral examination for purposes of discovery and for use as evidence in said cause:

Date	Time	Witness	Location
9/28/18	9:00a.m.	Jay Kramer	County Attorney's Office Indian River County 1801 27 th Street, Building A, Vero Beach, FL 32960

And the witnesses are to have with him at that time and place the following:

See attached Exhibit "A"

Said deposition will be taken before *Atlantic Reporting* or any officer authorized to administer oaths by the laws of the State of Florida, and a person who is neither a relative, nor employee, nor attorney, nor counsel of any of the parties and who is neither a relative nor employee of such attorney or counsel, and who is not financially interested in the action.

Said deposition will be taken pursuant to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure in such cases provided. The said oral examination will continue from hour to hour and from day to day until completed.

No person may attend the deposition with the exception of those persons provided under §90.616, Fla. Stats. (Evidence Code) unless prior notice is provided to the undersigned to permit an order of exclusion or sequestration to be obtained. Lack of notice may cause the deposition to be continued until an order can be obtained.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by e-mail to: Lynne A. Larkin, Esq., 5690 Highway A1A, #101, Vero Beach, Florida 32963, lynnelarkin@bellsouth.net and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 20th day of September, 2018.

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Exhibit "A"

Term	Definition
Person/Persons:	"Person" or "persons" include any natural person proprietorship or partnership and any organization including any private, public, or municipal corporation, and federal, state, or local government entity.
Communication:	Communication" means any verbal or written contact with another person, including, but no limited to, any conversation, correspondence interview, or interrogation.
Document/Documents:	The terms "document" and "documentation" mean any writing of any type, kind or nature, whether are original, facsimile, extract of a copy, carbon copy, photostatic or photographic copy, or other copy including, by way of example but not by way of limitation: ledgers, books, diaries, records, letters papers, correspondence, messages, memoranda including any memoranda or transcripts of oral communications, pamphlets, lists, reports, contracts agreements, notes, statements, bills, checks, claims telephone logs, correspondence logs, accounts books of account, studies, working papers photographs, computer programs, computer printouts, commentaries, files, file memoranda notebooks, forms, certificates, notices, telegrams.
	notebooks, forms, certificates, notices, telegrams, telexes, notations, minutes, resolutions, motions, contracts, summaries, business records of any type or kind (whether on microfilm or stored in computer

 All documents that have been requested in Indian River County's First Request for Production of Documents To Civic Association Of Indian River County, Inc.

data banks or tapes), or other written, recorded, typewritten or imprinted item of any type of kind, having corporeal existence, and in any language, including mathematical symbols, in the possession,

custody or control of Mr. Kramer.

All documents that pertain to any of the questions asked in Indian River County's First Request for Admissions to Civic Association Of Indian River County, Inc. and

- All documents that pertain to any of the interrogatories in Indian River County's First Set Of Interrogatories to Civic Association Of Indian River County, Inc.
- All documents that evidence communications between Mr. Kramer and any persons such as the Florida Municipal Electric Association concerning the sale of the City of Vero Beach electric utility.
- All documents evidencing communications with any and all other persons regarding the subject matter of this proceeding.

EXHIBIT B EMAILS

On Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:27 AM, Lynne Larkin lynnelarkin@bellsouth.net wrote:

Dylan, I just spoke with Jay, and his business travel will be taking him out of town for the next week and several days. He already has his plane tickets. I'm sorry he won't be available.

I'm not sure what you mean about "wasting time" at the hearing. This is what the hearing is for, addressing the issues. Even though you've not submitted any issues on which your clients are taking a position, those issues already submitted will be the subject of two days of hearings.

Perhaps you'd like to submit even more interrogatories as an alternative means of clarifying whatever is unclear in Jay's testimony since, again, you will be able to question any witness on October 9-10.

Lynne

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

On Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 8:54 AM, Dylan Reingold dreingold@ircgov.com wrote:

Ms. Larkin,

A deposition would be helpful in better understanding Mr. Kramer's testimony thus reducing the amount of wasted time at the hearing.

Dylan

From: Lynne Larkin < lynnelarkin@bellsouth.net> Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:46 AM

To: Dylan Reingold
 J. Michael Walls

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Cc: Charles Murphy <cmurphy@psc.state.fl.us>; JR Kelly

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Subject: Re: FPSC <u>20170235</u> <u>20170236</u>: Request for deposition availability

Mr. Reingold,

He'll be available for testifying at the hearing. Is there some reason you can't wait until then? We have a tiny window of time available, as you may have realized. Your courtesy in recognizing these limitations would be appreciated.

Lynne Larkin

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

On Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 8:34 AM, Dylan Reingold dreingold@ircgov.com> wrote:

Ms. Larkin,

Good morning!

As a follow-up to your email on deposing Mayor Howle, Indian River County is interested in setting a deposition of Jay Kramer. Can you please provide some dates.

Thank you! Dylan

From: Lynne Larkin < lynnelarkin@bellsouth.net > Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:37 AM

To: J. Michael Walls < mwalls@cfjblaw.com>

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Subject: FPSC <u>20170235</u> <u>20170236</u>: Request for

deposition availability

Good morning Mr. Walls,

Since the City of Vero Beach has not entered any pre-filed testimony, the Civic Association would like to set for deposition Mr. Harry Howle, Mayor of Vero Beach, in re the above-cited case.

Can you provide us with possible dates for same?

I have also copied the parties and intervenors on this email, as we will have to do a lot of coordinating [hopefully by phone] to accomplish this.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in getting this accomplished as soon as possible under our very tight time constraints.

All best,

Lynne A. Larkin Counsel for CAIRC 5690 Hwy A1A, Unit 101 Vero Beach, FL 32963 772-234-5565

EXHIBIT C

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Bursick, Tammy

From:

Charlie Wilson <mediaartsgroup@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, July 24, 2018 12:09 PM Harry; Bursick, Tammy; City Attorney; Russ Lemmon; Charlie Wilson

To:

Larkin admission

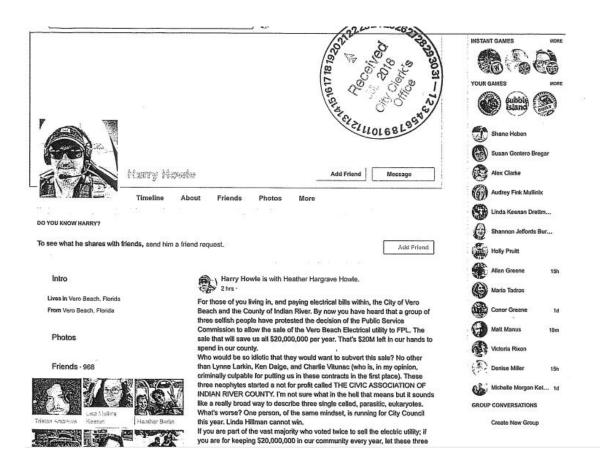
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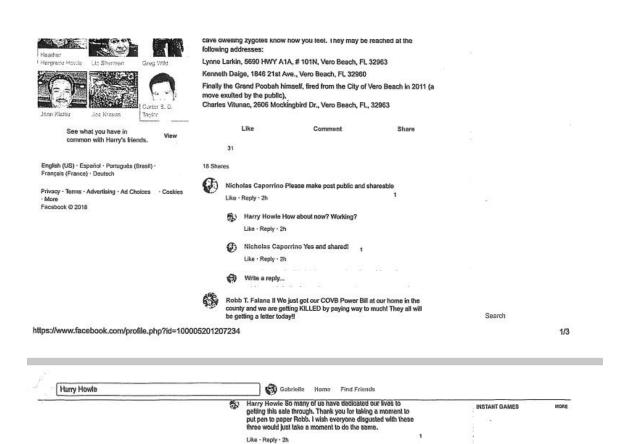
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This is an exchange on Facebook with Lynn Larkin. Here she says that Charlie Vitunac was not party to the complaint. Then how was the "group" authorized? No vote. No authorization as a group. No standing? Can you move for immediate dismissal since filed as a group and the deadline has passed for her to file individually.

Response please. I am considering suing her for legal costs of unauthorized action. The city should consider action against them both with financial damages. I am guessing they only do things like this if there are no consequences.

Charlie Wilson 772-316-9632





Write a reply...



Alli Meyer-Golden Seriously II What is wrong with these people ???

Like · Reply · 2h



Kathleen Provancher I was just googling the same. Thanks Harry.

Like - Reply - 2h



Mark Mucher As I mentioned in several other venues, the City of Vero Beach now has the distinction of having the SECOND HIGHEST RATES of all the municipal power companies in Florida (@1,200 kwh per month), and is 28% HIGHER than FPL residential.

Now consider that one of the Civic Association's claims is that Vero's

LOWER than FPL's in the future - HAHAHAHA

Like · Reply · 2h



Harry Howle Look at this! How and WHY would anyone be against this? I hope they have their collective bags packed.

Like - Reply - 2h



Write a reply...



Bob Soos All three also happen to be on FaceBook

Like - Reply - 2h



Harry Howle Well point them in the direction of my accurate description of them above.

Like · Reply · 1h



Write a reply...



Concie Fowler What!?!? 3 people can't possibly stop the process?!? Can they?

Like - Reply - 1h



Heather Hargrave Howle I doubt they have a valid argument. In fact, in 2016, Lynne Larkin attempted the same tactics with the federal energy regulatory commission. She was laughed out of the room with her arguments being described as baseless

Like · Reply · 1h

Shane Hoben

Susan Gontero Bregar

Alex Clarke

Audrey Fink Mullinix

Linda Keenan Drettm...

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Matt Manus

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Victoria Rixon

Denise Miller

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GROUP CONVERSATIONS

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Harry Howle At the very least they are slowing down the process with these petty, baseless, and frivolous actions. You see, these three are no scholars (how many people have a law degree today?). Each of them have only one goal in life; to have the feeling of relevancy. Without actions like this PSC protest, they are nothing. I sneeze creates more attention.

Like - Reply - 1h

- Jeffrey T. Zachary They had their time.... end of story. Like - Reoly - 53m
- Concie Fowler How absolutely ridiculous people can be. I can't stand arrogance and entitlement. "15 minutes of fame" at the expense of so many people, and so many who actually need the relief from the cost of utilities. How can those bored, selfserving idiots not get it.

Like - Reply - 43m

- R. Scott Prosser Lynn Larkin is evil Like · Reply · 23m
- Whit Hazelton Is their twisted end game to keep electric rates high so as to disincentivise people from moving to Vero? Or is it a desire for attention, or some combo?

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For those of you living in, and paying electrical bills within, the City of Vero Beach and the County of Indian River. By now you have heard that a group of three selfish people have protested the decision of the **Public Service Commission to** allow the sale of the Vero Beach Electrical utility to FPL. The sale that will save us all \$20,000,000 per year. That's \$20M left in our hands to spend in our county. Who would be so idiotic that they would want to subvert this sale? No other than Lynne Larkin, Ken Daige, and Charlie Vitunac (who is, in my opinion, criminally

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culpable for putting us in these

Contracts in the first place).
These three neophytes started a not for profit called THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY. I'm not sure what in the hell that means but it sounds like a really broad way to describe three single celled, parasitic, eukaryotes.

What's worse? One person, of the same mindset, is running for City Council this year. Linda Hillman cannot win. If you are part of the vast majority who voted twice to sell the electric utility; if you are for keeping \$20,000,000 in our community every year, let these three cave dwelling zvgotes

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know how you feel. They may be reached at the following addresses:

Lynne Larkin, 5690 HWY A1A, # 101N, Vero Beach, FL 32963

Kenneth Daige, 1846 21st Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32960

Finally the Grand Poobah himself, fired from the City of Vero Beach in 2011 (a move exulted by the public), Charles Vitunac, 2606 Mockingbird Dr., Vero Beach, FL, 32963

Best regards,

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