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**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 9:04 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Cc:** Jim Varian  
**Subject:** Letter for Mayor Bryan Barefoot, City of Indian River Shores re Dockets 20170236 & 20170235  
**Attachments:** Letter Mayor Brian Barefoot Indian River Shores.pdf

Good Morning:

Please place the attached letter in docket correspondence consumers and their representatives in Docket No. 20170236 & 20170235.

Thanks

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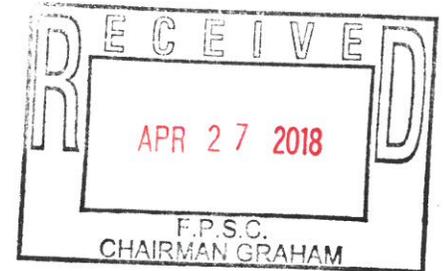
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April 25, 2018

**Via U.S. Mail**

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

*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*  
Docket No.: 20170235-EI

Dear Chairman Graham and Commissioners:

As Mayor of the Town of Indian River Shores, I respectfully ask your favorable consideration of FPL's request to acquire the City of Vero Beach electric utility system. The acquisition would bring much-needed rate relief to the residents of our Town, the City and unincorporated Indian River County, while at the same time benefiting FPL's other customers.

There are additional benefits that may not be so apparent. Specifically, the acquisition would resolve a unique dilemma that has beleaguered our Town for decades. Currently, the territorial boundary line between FPL and Vero Electric splits our Town. Some of our residents are served by FPL, others by Vero Electric. This results in my constituents being served by two different utilities, with vastly different rates, with vastly different service levels, and with vastly different regulation and oversight. This dilemma has been extraordinarily divisive and has spawned a number of lawsuits, one of which has been pending at your agency in Docket No. 20160049-GU for several years. Approval of FPL's acquisition of Vero Electric would unify electric service

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within our Town, allow all customers in the region to receive FPL service at that utility's low rates, and settle long-standing litigation once and for all.

This truly is one of those rare opportunities where all stakeholders benefit. Again, I respectfully urge that you approve FPL's request to acquire Vero Electric.

Thank you for your consideration and for the service you provide to the people of Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian M. Barefoot". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" at the beginning.

Brian M. Barefoot  
Mayor

cc: Commission Clerk  
J. Michael Walls  
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