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From: Angela Charles on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2016 2:58 PM
To: 'Rick McDermott'
Subject: RE: Indian River Shores Electric Utility Service

Good afternoon Mr. McDermott,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160049-EU and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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From: Rick McDermott [<mailto:rickomcdermott@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2016 2:55 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Brown; Records Clerk
Subject: Indian River Shores Electric Utility Service

Dear Commissioner---I am writing presently as a resident of IR Shores. However, my wife and I will be moving into the City of Vero Beach within a year. I mention this because if the PSC grants redistricting to the Town of Indian River Shores and service provided to them by FPL, while my present electric bill will go down as IRS switches to FPL, my new bill will go up. However, I believe that " what's right is right" and "what's wrong is wrong".

The City of Vero Beach has been providing electric power to the town of IRS for nearly 30 years and has been charging their customers a high premium over FPL charges; the resulting charges being used not just for producing electric power, but for making up for fiscal incompetence in the City's budgeting,

transferring some \$6mm a year to the City's other operations. This is wrong.

Now, the contract in force for the past 30 years is coming to an end in November. I can't even understand why there's a discussion here. Indian River Shores clearly should be allowed to transfer their business to whomever they would like. They have been standing tall to their contract with the City of Vero Beach for 30 years, but when that contract is over they should be unencumbered from choosing a more cost effective provider, and the city of Vero Beach ought to work tirelessly on their budget line by line to be able to balance their budget without depending on unscrupulous charges to their electric customers.

The City's customers living in the City ought to be furious also. They need to vote for individuals who will run their City with a balanced budget without unreasonable electric charges to meet budget. Indian River Shores doesn't even have the leverage of getting to vote for the City's Council members.

Please take whatever measures the Commission needs to take to see that IRS can change providers, and as a result maybe the City of Vero Beach may learn how to live within their budget without the additional taxes they add to their electric bills.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,
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