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**From:** Tiffany Brown on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 8:45 AM  
**To:** 'philip sargent'  
**Cc:** kelley.jr@leg.state.fl.us  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing

Good morning Mr. Sargent,

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.

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**From:** philip sargent [<mailto:ptomsarge@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 8:30 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Patronis  
**Cc:** Records Clerk; [kelley.jr@leg.state.fl.us](mailto:kelley.jr@leg.state.fl.us)  
**Subject:** Hearing

Dear Commissioner Jimmy Patronis:

Within the last 7 months I became a full time resident of Florida and bought a townhouse at the North End of John's Island. I was more than mildly surprised to find that my first full month's utility bill for my 1,900 square foot townhouse was more than the average monthly bill I used to pay for our 4,000 square foot, 5-bedroom, centrally air conditioned and heated family home in Southern California. Upon inquiry, I learned from Mr. Barefoot, Mayor of the Town of Indian River Shores of the "unusual" arrangement for the supply of electrical power for our community made over a quarter of a century ago.

In addition to other significant issues it is apparent that Vero Beach is not a properly regulated monopoly under the law and can and does opaquely set rates and dispose of profits. I was shocked to find this to be the case as I have always been under the impression that laws in our country uniformly protected us all from the predatory practices of any and all monopolies serving the interests of the general public. Indeed, a strong case can be made that the very governmental regulatory pricing/rate setting oversight of public service monopolies that is being so obviously neglected and/or abused in this case, is critical to proper functioning of the free market democracy in which we all live and prosper.

I urge you as a responsible Commissioner with the Public Service Commission to review the Town of Indian River Shores's petition for modification of the territorial order (Docket Number 160049).

Respectfully yours,  
Philip. T. Sargent  
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