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**From:** Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:22 PM  
**To:** 'bill grealis'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Vero Beach electric services

Good afternoon Mr. Grealis,

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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**Subject:** Vero Beach electric services

The City of Vero Beach recently turned down by a 3-2 vote a \$30 million offer by Florida Power and Light Company to purchase the electric facilities located within the boundaries of Indian River Shores. The Vero Beach Utility Commission recommended by a 5-0 vote that the offer be accepted since in their view Vero Beach would have been held harmless for any and all resulting costs. The question is why would Vero Beach turn down such an offer. The answer is simple. While the contract for electric services between Vero Beach and the Shores expires this November, Vero Beach believes that the contract is meaningless. Vero Beach believes that it is an unregulated monopoly and, as such, has the right in perpetuity to force Indian River Shores to take electric service at any price. In fact, Vero Beach currently taxes Indian River Shores within the electric rates for non-electric costs. In essence Vero Beach claims that no one in the State of Florida--the courts, the regulators, and any and all other state and local agencies--has the authority to even question whether this is fair. This is a huge black eye for the State of Florida. Why would anyone locate a business in the state if they were faced with the potential of what is in effect unlimited taxing authority by municipalities not related to any services provided.