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From: Angela Charles on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 8:29 AM
To: 'Gee David'
Cc: kelly.jr@leg.state.fl.us
Subject: RE: Vero Beach Electric

Good morning Mr. Gee,

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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Commission Deputy Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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From: Gee David [<mailto:Gee.David@bcg.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2016 12:42 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Brown
Cc: kelly.jr@leg.state.fl.us; Records Clerk
Subject: Vero Beach Electric

I own a vacation home in Vero Beach (721 Shady Lake Lane). I plan on retiring there in the immediate future and becoming a full time resident of Florida.

I have worked in the energy industry for 37 years. I worked at PG&E (VP Strategy during the California Energy Crisis) and AES Corporation (President, North America, including Chairman of Indianapolis Power and Light). I currently lead BCG's energy practice in North America and my personal practice is focused on power and gas utilities. (See my profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/pub/david-gee/11/ab3/8>).

I am writing to strongly support Indian Rivers Shores in their efforts to purchase a part of Vero Beach's municipal utility at a fair price. The basis of my support is basically three fold:

1. Equity. Needless to say, for residents in the County it is excruciatingly inequitable to pay 30-50% over FPL's rates for inferior service. And county residents do not enjoy ANY of the benefits of the muni's surpluses being swept into the City's general fund.
2. Prudence. By any possible objective measure the municipal utility has been imprudently operated. If it was a private IOU the PSC would clearly have disallowed many of its decision (e.g. the OCC contact) as imprudent. The valuation the City is asking for is exorbitant and reflects how imprudent the City has been.
3. Franchise Agreement. Having read the agreement from 29 years ago, the plain language of the contract, however surprising, clearly lets the county terminate at the end of its 30 year term. Sores residents should not be held hostage to the City's prior incompetence in entering into long dated out-of-market contracts.

Moreover, FPL is widely regarded as an exceptionally well run utility. This is confirmed by most any objective metric (e.g. rates, SAIDI, CAIDI, O&M costs).

I strongly encourage the PSC to put the Shores assets under the PSC's oversight and enable the sale to FPL.

Sincerely,
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