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From: Betty Leland
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 2:53 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Petition for Authority to Charge FPL Rates to Former COVB Customers and for Approval of Accounting Treatment of COVB Electric System Acquisition
Attachments: ChamberLetter.docx

Good afternoon:

Please place the attached email in docket correspondence consumers and their representatives in Docket #s 20170235 and 20170236.

Thanks.

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From: Penny Chandler [<mailto:director@indianriverchamber.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 11:06 AM
To: Carlotta Stauffer
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Subject: Petition for Authority to Charge FPL Rates to Former COVB Customers and for Approval of Accounting Treatment of COVB Electric System Acquisition

Ms. Stauffer,

Attached is a letter on behalf of the IRC Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Robert Paugh, and the Board of Directors regarding the sale of Vero Beach electric system to Florida Power and Light.

Thank you,
Indian River County Chamber of Commerce
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May 21, 2018

Re: Petition for Authority to Charge FPL Rates to Former COVB Customers and for Approval of Accounting Treatment of COVB Electric System Acquisition (Docket #20170235-EI); Petition to Terminate Territorial Agreement (Docket #20170236-EU)

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer
Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

I write on behalf of the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce to express our strong support for the sale of the Vero Beach electric system to Florida Power and Light. As the Public Service Commission undertakes its review of the sale, we urge the commissioners to approve it.

All Vero Beach electric customers will benefit from the lower rates and improved service Florida Power and Light offers. Of particular importance to us, however, is the impact the sale will have on our business community. Most of our members are small business owners who work hard to serve their customers and employees. For many businesses, margins are small and making payroll each month is a challenge. Every opportunity to make sure the bottom line is written in black rather than red is vitally important.

The FPL sale represents a potential savings of 30 percent for both residential and commercial electric customers. For business customers, that savings represents crucial breathing room in their operating budgets, allowing them to reinvest more in their businesses, which will create more jobs. This is significant to our local economy in Vero Beach, and it will have a ripple effect throughout our entire community.

All businesses, large or small, will enjoy savings on their power bills as a result of the FPL sale. From the Chamber's perspective, it is a win for everyone, and we are grateful for the hard work so many community leaders have invested in pursuing and finalizing this deal. We thank you for your attention to this matter, and we ask that the Commissioners particularly consider the significant, positive impact the sale will have on the business community of Vero Beach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Paugh".

Robert Paugh, Chairman
Indian River County Chamber of Commerce

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