



May 10, 2018

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer
Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Attention:
Chairman Art Graham
Commissioner Julie Brown
Commissioner Gary Clark
Commissioner Donald Polmann
Commissioner Andrew Fay

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing regarding the following:

- Petition for Authority to Change FPL Rates to Former COVB Customers and for Approval of Accounting Treatment of COVB Electric System Acquisition (Docket No. 20170235-EI)
- Petition to Terminate Territorial Agreement (Docket No. 20170236-EU)

As a Vero Beach construction company owner with numerous jobsites and our main office on City of Vero Beach power, I believe the sale of our city's electric system to Florida Power and Light will bring enormous benefit to our area in multiple ways. I've been supportive of this sale for many years now, and am excited to see it coming to fruition.

It is projected that the sale will result in a reduction in customer electric bills by 20 to 30 percent, depending on how much electricity the customer uses. That is a significant savings for both residential and commercial customers, and would clearly be a boon for our local economy, also not to mention numerous local government facilities.

Another significant benefit for both types of customers is the additional services that would be available to us by FPL, including free energy surveys and evaluations that would lead to further savings and more energy-efficient operations. In addition, FPL offers incentives for customers to install energy-efficient equipment, including lighting, air conditioning units,

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and insulation. The ripple effect that would have throughout our local building industry and economy is apparent, as are the potential protections for the environment that would result.

I have been rooting for this sale for many years. As you review it, I urge you to consider the positive impact it will have and approve it.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.P. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

J. P. (Toby) Hill, President
The Hill Group

Cc:

J.R. Kelly - Office of Public Counsel

Kenneth M. Rubin - Senior Counsel - Florida Power & Light Company