

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) for authority to charge FPL rates to former City of Vero Beach customers and for approval of FPL's accounting treatment for City of Vero Beach transaction.

DOCKET NO. 20170235-EI

and

In re: Joint petition to terminate territorial agreement, by Florida Power & Light and the City of Vero Beach.

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PETITION BY MICHAEL MORAN, DEAF AMERICAN CITIZEN, ASSERTING THE EXISTENCE OF DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACTS IN THE ORDER NO. PSC-2018-0336-PAA-EU, ISSUED JULY 2, 2018; AND REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING WITH CERTIFIED AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER TO BE HELD IN VERO BEACH, FL.

Michael Moran, Deaf American citizen, respectfully petitions the Florida Public Service Commission to consider the issues of:

**1. Representation:**

a. Indian River County and Town of Indian River Shores asked the City of Vero Beach to provide the electric services in their areas. City of Vero Beach did so because they have to follow the preamble (promote the general Welfare) of the United States Constitution.

b. Both residents of Indian River County and of the Town of Indian River Shores already have full voting representation on the City of Vero Beach's Utilities Commission for years and years.

**2. Lack of referendum and keyword:**

a. The voters of City of Vero Beach did not vote to sell (keyword) the municipal electric utility to FPL in the previous two referendums.

b. The Florida Supreme Court upheld the ironclad electrical wholesale agreements with the Florida Municipal Power Agency and Orlando Utilities

Commission, that means the previous 1st sale agreement with FPL can't be executed and the previous two referendums without keyword of sell - null and void.

c. Without referendum with keyword of sell, The city council rushed to sign the 2nd sale agreement with FPL after the city attorney gave a public disclaimer about unable to vetting the sale agreement because of 500 pages in short time.

### **3. Local Media Blackout:**

a. Press-Journal, Vero Beach 32963/Vero News, Lemmon Lines, Vero's Voice and Vero Communique are withholding the information about FPL's planned rate increases to the public within the Indian River County area. Only InsideVero.com (now IndianRiverGuardian.com) posted the links of newspapers around the State of Florida have reported the increases for local readers.

b. The publisher of Press-Journal at the time married to FPL executive.

### **4. Sunshine Law:**

a. Laura Moss, mayor of Vero Beach at the time withheld the sale agreement from the public for at least 10 (ten) days. The documents are stored in her personal email address with domain name (mosslm.com). She also used that domain name for official city business. The editor at the Indian River Guardian requested State Attorney's Office - 19th Judicial Circuit about this.

b. Brian Barefoot, mayor of the Town of Indian River Shores at the time, violated Sunshine Law related to Vero Electric and paid fine. He resigned last March 28, 2018 - due to another possible violation of Sunshine Law filed by citizen of Town of Indian River Shores at the State Attorney's Office - 19th Judicial Circuit. Local media except Indian River Guardian withholding that from the public. Indian River Guardian already reported this.

### **5. Lack of Customer Service:**

FPL has kept ignoring their FPL customers in the Indian River County area since 2004 while they funded the campaign of pro-sale candidates of Vero Beach city council via political action committees.

## **6. Attitudes and Behavior:**

I was picketing in the front of Vero Beach City Hall before the City Council meetings about the sale agreement with FPL. I held two picket signs (Stop Oppression of Deaf Americans and Selling Vero Electric to FPL is Un-American!) and wear a face mask with sad expression. I speak up for all people include Deaf and Hard of Hearing, disabled, widows/widowers and decreased military veterans.

- a. Robert Stable, the town manager of Indian River Shores laughed and mocked at me. One witness. He already announced his resignation.
- b. The attorneys and their associates at the law firm of Carlton Fields, Tampa, FL, mocked at me and took pictures of me with signs. These attorneys with their associates pay with our tax dollars at a rate of \$495 an hour.
- c. FPL executive (married to Press-Journal publisher now retired) mocked/laughed at me and took pictures of me with signs.
- d. The former city councilwoman laughed at me. One witness.
- e. Harry Howle, city councilman along with Robert Auwaerter, Town councilman of Indian River Shores and City of Vero Beach's Utilities commission chairman mocked at me.
- f. Harry Howle, current mayor of Vero Beach, used his social media to name-calling against The Civic Association of Indian River County, Inc. and their members. See attached the screenshot of official Harry Howle for City Council campaign on the Facebook page.

Submitted this 23th of July, 2018 via electronic mail.

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## Harry Howle for Vero Beach City Council

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Harry Howle for Vero Beach City Council shared Harry Howle's post.

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Harry Howle is with Heather Hargrave Howle.

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For those of you living in, and paying electrical bills within, the City of Vero Beach and the County of Indian River. By now you have heard that a group of three selfish people have protested the decision of the Public Service Commission to allow the sale of the Vero Beach Electrical utility to FPL. The sale that will save us all \$20,000,000 per year. That's \$20M left in our hands to spend in our county.

Who would be so idiotic that they would want to subvert this sale? No other than Lynne Larkin, Ken Daige, and Charlie Vitunac (who is, in my opinion, criminally culpable for putting us in these contracts in the first place). These three neophytes started a not for profit called THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY. I'm not sure what in the hell that means but it sounds like a really broad way to describe three single celled, parasitic, eukaryotes. What's worse? One person, of the same mindset, is running for City Council this year. Linda Hillman cannot win.

If you are part of the vast majority who voted twice to sell the electric utility; if you are for keeping \$20,000,000 in our community every year, let these three cave dwelling zygotes know how you feel.

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Susan Adams Thigpen likes this.