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From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 8:29 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Vero Beach Electric Sale Should be APPROVED

Good Morning,

Please place the attached e-mail in Docket Nos. 20170235-EI and 20170236-EU. Thank you!

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From: Dave C [<mailto:davejcrowford@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, August 18, 2018 9:33 PM
To: Office Of Commissioner Graham; Office Of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Brown; Office of Commissioner Polmann; Office of Commissioner Fay
Subject: Vero Beach Electric Sale Should be APPROVED

Dear Commissioner Graham,

I live in the Town of Indian River Shores and am a customer of City of Vero Beach Electric (COVBE). As you are well aware, COVBE's rates are up to 30% higher than FPL's electric rates. I also understand that you lead the opposition and voted against the sale of COVB Electric to FPL. Yet in your PSC biography below it reads:

"He has served two previous terms as Commission Chairman, working with his colleagues and industry representatives to find ways to hold down rates for Florida's consumers and businesses."

Your biography above is not correct as recent evidence of your voting record indicates by allowing COVB's high electric rates and poor service.

You are costing Indian River County residents millions of dollars. Since I don't live in Vero Beach, I can not vote for Vero Beach elected officials, yet they can force me to pay 30% higher electric costs. Yet, you protect COVB and won't approve the sale!

In 2010, when the Town of Indian River Shores complained about high electric rates, the COVB mayor famously stated: "let them open up their windows"! Where was the PSC for consumers? Is this statement consistent with your view how a city should operate a business? Yet, you protect COVBE and won't approve the sale!

I moved to Florida from Illinois. Illinois has had an OPEN ELECTRIC market for more than 10 years, where businesses compete for customers. Any customer can switch to any electric supplier at any time in the State. Illinois has the free

market!! Illinois is a basket case on most things, but the electric issue they had correct. Florida is wrong to not have an OPEN and FREE MARKET. The free market lowers electric rates, improves customer service and overall reliability! Yet, you protect COVBE and won't approve a sale (that still does not give an customer choice of electric suppliers). For the record, I would sign up with FPL.

Please do the correct thing and work to APPROVE THE SALE OF COVB ELECTRIC as envisioned by FPL and Vero Beach.

Best regards,

Dave Crawford

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