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To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Vero Beach Electric Sale-Letter to the PSC
Attachments: PSC Letter1.pdf; PSC Letter2.pdf

Good Morning,

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

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Subject: Vero Beach Electric Sale-Letter to the PSC

Attached please find a letter to the PSC regarding the Vero Beach Electric Sale.

Dear PSC & All interested parties,

A pre-planned family trip made it impossible for me to be in Tallahassee. I scheduled the trip weeks ago with the original meeting dates in mind. I sure did not want to miss it. Please accept this written statement in my absence.

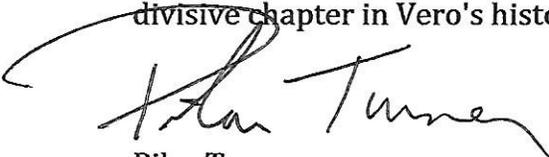
In 2010 I ran for City Council to sell Vero's inefficient electric company. I served on the Council for 6 years. The importance of the sale to our residents was evident as I met with voters walking door to door. I promised thousands of Vero residents I would do everything I could to execute the sale.

I was on the Council when the referendums were voted on and passed. They were not misleading. The message was very clear. The only misleading information came from fellow minority council members and special interests that supported them. They were comfortable artificially supplementing our city budget on the backs of power customers. The problem was those customers were paying far more than their neighbors on FPL.

Vero Beach is a wealthy community. We have social interest groups funded by the deep pockets of people who believe that higher electric rates and government growth are a community benefit. They also believe in the novelty of having our own power provider. They are willing to pay more. The issue becomes that the middle class, many living on fixed incomes, cannot afford that luxury. They have been exploited for years. Customers living inside the City limits have had it bad enough, but those living outside are certainly being taxed without representation.

Sale naysayers were in the significant minority as seen in the referendum results, but they were consistent in their messaging. They repeated the same line over and over. They suppressed voter turnout by saying that the deal with FPL was impossible. It took pro-sale supporters years to message through those narratives.

I think the fact that we are here at the PSC proves that the sale was and is possible. The anti-sale faction represented here today in the form of a protest group were the ones who deceived the residents. Over time the residents have learned the truth and the pro-sale majority on our City Council has been consistent for 4 years. Please help us by approving this sale so we can execute the contract and close this very divisive chapter in Vero's history.



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