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From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 4:27 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: PURCHASE OF VB ELECTRIC BY FPL
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Good Afternoon,

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

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Cc: Toby Hill
Subject: PURCHASE OF VB ELECTRIC BY FPL

To All:

Please see my attached letter in support of the purchase of Vero Beach Electric by FPL.

J. P. (Toby) Hill, President
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October 30, 2018

STATEMENT TO THE PSC:

My name is James Patrick Hill, better known as Toby Hill. I have been a Vero Beach resident since 1980, Vero Electric customer for both my residence and my construction business, and I am on the board of the Indian River Tea Party. I have been an outspoken supporter of this sale since the discussion began almost 10 years ago, and I have been actively involved in Vero Beach politics for decades.

Hurricane Michael's impact on our State required you to move your meeting regarding the purchase of Vero Beach Electric by FPL. This of course was very appropriate, but made it impossible for me to attend the re-scheduled hearing.

As a member of this community, a ratepayer, and a Tea Party member I have watched the group of folks who oppose the sale of Vero Electric to FPL very closely, some of whom will come before you today. The insinuation that our community didn't desire this sale, that misinformation was spread, and that election manipulation was fostered by advocates of this sale is simply not the case.

The sale of Vero Electric to FPL was the topic of the day for years on end. Many, many City Council meetings, newspaper articles, newsletters, candidate forums were all about the sale. It was the topic of discussion at home, at work, with friends and with political adversaries.

The residents were and are informed, and they knew very well what they were voting for in every City Council election and on both voter referendums. Only pro-sale candidates were elected and both referendums garnered 2/3s support.

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For several years our local Tea Party held candidate forums for multiple county and city races. Every year, without exception, the lead issue in the Vero Beach City Council race was the sale of Vero Electric to FPL.

The source of the misinformation and manipulation in Vero Beach is actually the parties pointing their fingers. They have delayed the execution of this sale for years now, and it's not any surprise to the supporters in Tallahassee today that it is this same group of individuals playing political games, once again, to deprive the rest of us from the lower rates, oversight and protection from the PSC and OPC, and the relief from the liability that owning a municipal power company brings with it.

Please do research on these groups and testifiers. It's not hard to find it online. Please help us by seeing through these claims and granting us the sale that the vast majority of us favor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.P. Hill".

J. P. (Toby) Hill
President

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