



March 28, 2016

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT ENCOURAGING  
RESIDENTS TO CONTACT THE PSC REGARDING FPL  
SERVING THE ENTIRE TOWN'S ELECTRIC UTILITY NEEDS**

Dear Neighbors –

I just want to provide a quick update on our Town's petition before the Public Service Commission (PSC) to re-draw service boundaries so that our entire Town can be served by Florida Power & Light (FPL).

On Tuesday, March 22, FPL filed to intervene, telling the PSC specifically that FPL is "ready, willing, and able" to serve all residents of our Town should the PSC grant our request. I thank FPL for confirming its commitment to serve our entire Town, and welcome their participation in this process.

As you know, FPL has made a significant initial cash offer to purchase the utility system in our Town, a fact that we have shared with the PSC. There continues to be an opportunity here for the City to consider FPL's initial offer and begin discussions toward a mutually beneficial solution.

In the meantime, **I encourage my fellow residents to become involved in this process by sharing your thoughts with the PSC Commissioners. Even a brief note** can illustrate how strongly our residents feel about this issue and the need for assistance from the Commissioners. Here are a few of the points I made when speaking before the Commission on March 1:

- The constitutional issue before the PSC is not some obscure legal issue on a law school exam. This is a real issue that is harming the people in our community.
- Under the pretense of a territorial agreement, Vero Beach is operating an unregulated monopoly in our Town.
- The last time the PSC reviewed that territorial agreement was over 28 years ago.
- Our residents have no say in how rates are set or how Vero Beach uses the unregulated profits that it extracts from us.
- Our residents are forced to subsidize the operations of a City that is unaccountable to them. Many would call this "taxation without representation."
- Having FPL, whose rates are professionally and neutrally regulated by the PSC, as the single electric utility provider in our Town would cure these issues.

If you wish to share your thoughts with the Commission, you can reach them using the following e-mail addresses:

- Chairman Julie Imanuel Brown – [Commissioner.Brown@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Commissioner.Brown@psc.state.fl.us)
- Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé – [Commissioner.Brise@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Commissioner.Brise@psc.state.fl.us)
- Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar – [Commissioner.Edgar@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Commissioner.Edgar@psc.state.fl.us)
- Commissioner Art Graham – [Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Commissioner.Graham@psc.state.fl.us)
- Commissioner Jimmy Patronis – [Commissioner.Patronis@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:Commissioner.Patronis@psc.state.fl.us)

**If you send an email, be sure to copy the Clerk of the PSC at [clerk@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:clerk@psc.state.fl.us)**

In addition, as a resident of our Town, you have a direct interest in the outcome of our petition to the PSC. Upon request, **the PSC will add you to a mailing list to receive periodic updates on the proceeding. If you would like to be added to this list, simply email the Clerk of the PSC ([clerk@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:clerk@psc.state.fl.us)) with a note similar to what I've outlined below:**

*As a resident of the Town of Indian River Shores, I have a direct interest in the outcome of the Town's Petition for modification of territorial order (Docket Number 160049). I formally request that you add me to the official docket mailing list so that I can receive notices of all hearings or meetings related to this case. I can be reached at: [provide email and physical address].*

I also will continue to keep residents informed as our case progresses.

Thank you.

Brian M. Barefoot  
Mayor  
Town of Indian River Shores