

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE FULL SALE OF THE VERO BEACH ELECTRIC SYSTEM TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY; DIRECTING COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE PROVIDED TO APPROPRIATE PARTIES.

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1981, the Florida Public Service Commission approved a Territorial Agreement between the City of Vero Beach (the “City”) and Florida Power & Light (“FPL”) which established electric service areas for the City and FPL in Indian River County. Specifically, the electric service area for the City was defined to include the City itself, the Town of Indian River Shores, the south barrier island, and other unincorporated areas of the County, and the service area for FPL was defined to include all other areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, approximately 61% of the City’s present customers reside outside the City of Vero Beach. The City has approximately 34,000 total customers, of which approximately 21,000 are non-resident customers. This percentage of non-resident customers (61%) is believed to be the highest percentage of any municipal electric system in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County, as well as several other taxing bodies such as the Town of Indian River Shores, the Indian River County School Board and the Indian River County Hospital District, are customers of the City electric system and as such pay higher City rates. These increased costs result in higher taxes being imposed on Indian River County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, FPL has made an offer to buy the entire City of Vero Beach electric utility system for \$185 million; and

WHEREAS, FPL has stated that the \$185 million includes a payment 1) for the cost to exit the Florida Municipal Power Agency (\$108 million); 2) for the cost to exit the power agreement with the Orlando Utilities Commission (\$20 million); 3) for the City’s electric utility bonds (\$20.4 million); 4) for a one-time lease payment for the City’s substation (\$10 million); 5) for the City’s pension liability (\$6.6 million); and 6) of cash (\$20 million); and

WHEREAS, FPL has also offered employment to all qualified City electric system employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board, as the elected representative of all residents of Indian River County, including, those customers of the City’s electric utility whose residence or business is located outside of the City limits, has consistently supported the sale of the City’s electric utility to FPL, having previously adopted supporting resolutions on several occasions supported the sale by the City to FPL; and

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WHEREAS, the people of the City of Vero Beach have on numerous occasions shown that they wish their electric needs be provided with rates comparable to FPL,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

1. Position of the Board. The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners hereby urges the City Council of the City of Vero Beach to vote in favor of accepting the terms offered by FPL for the full sale of the City of Vero Beach electric utility.

2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to the City Council of the City of Vero Beach.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner _____, and motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was, as follows:

Chairman Joseph E. Flescher	_____
Vice Chairman Peter D. O'Bryan	_____
Commissioner Susan Adams	_____
Commissioner Bob Solari	_____
Commissioner Tim Zorc	_____

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of May, 2017.

ATTEST: Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Court
and Comptroller

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman

BCC approval date: May 16, 2017

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: _____
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney