

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the City of Vero Beach and the Town of Indian River Shores, Indian River County; providing for a survey of City of Vero Beach electric utility customers who reside outside the municipal boundaries of the city and who reside or do business in Indian River County or the Town of Indian River Shores to transfer provision of their electric service to a specified investor-owned electric utility; authorizing the Public Service Commission, if the survey is approved by a majority of the affected electric utility customers and after a public hearing, to open a territorial agreement and transfer the affected electric utility customers to the jurisdiction of the investor-owned electric utility; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) A survey shall be conducted within 60 days after this act becomes a law. One ballot per each electric meter shall be sent and counted. The survey forms must be received by Indian River County and the Town of Indian River Shores within 30 days after mailing.

(2) Results of the survey shall be tabulated within 15 days after the closing date of the survey and shall be counted

27 by a certified independent accounting firm. The costs of  
28 conducting the survey and tabulating and certifying the results  
29 shall be borne by Indian River County and the Town of Indian  
30 River Shores.

31 (3) If a majority of the voting metered City of Vero Beach  
32 electric utility customers who reside outside the municipal  
33 boundaries of the city and who reside or do business in Indian  
34 River County or the Town of Indian River Shores vote to have  
35 Florida Power & Light Company provide their electric service,  
36 the county or the town may transmit the results as a notice to  
37 the Public Service Commission no later than 15 calendar days  
38 after receipt of the certified survey results.

39 (4) Such notice shall be considered by the Public Service  
40 Commission as being its own motion under rule 25-6.0441(1),  
41 Florida Administrative Code, to open the 1981 Territorial  
42 Agreement under rule 25-6.0439, Florida Administrative Code, to  
43 provide for a public hearing with customer participation under  
44 rule 25-6.0442, Florida Administrative Code, and to provide for  
45 a transfer of the separately metered City of Vero Beach electric  
46 utility customers in that jurisdiction to Florida Power & Light  
47 Company within a reasonable period and at a reasonable fair  
48 market value price to the City of Vero Beach.

49 (5) The City of Vero Beach shall provide the names,  
50 addresses, and other information needed for the survey and for a  
51 transfer in an expeditious manner to facilitate the timeframes  
52 for the survey and the transfer.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.