

RESOLUTION NO. 98-157

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DENY THE REQUEST BY THE JACKSONVILLE ELECTRIC AUTHORITY AND FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT TO EXCHANGE SERVICE AREAS AFFECTING AN ESTIMATED 1800 ST. JOHNS COUNTY RESIDENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 1,800 residents of the Northwest St. Johns County area, presently served by the Jacksonville Electric Authority, received notice a few weeks ago that they were to become customers of Florida Power & Light in a service area exchange between the utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the affected residents, seeing no recourse, appealed to the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners for assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners provided a forum for the affected residents within their community of Switzerland, Thursday, August 6, 1998, to discuss the customer service area exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, during this meeting, Florida Power & Light representative Bob Coleman presented an option whereby FPL would "hold rates flat for those existing customers moving from JEA to FPL for a period of three years after the last customer moves" from JEA to FPL service in the affected area; and

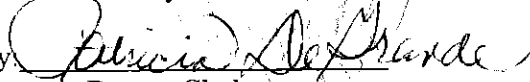
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Coleman acknowledged that this concession, while unprecedented for FPL, is dependent upon approval by the Florida Public Service Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the 300-plus affected residents attending the meeting rejected the proposal because of concerns that FPL, which is based in Miami, could not provide the high quality of service they had come to expect from JEA.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the County supports the request of its citizens in this matter and that the Florida Public Service Commission reject the proposal from Jacksonville Electric Authority to exchange its customer service area that lies south of Roberts Road in St. Johns County for a portion of Florida Power & Light's customer service area near Baldwin in Duval County, based on the residents' concerns of an increase in utility rates and concerns of the level of customer service. However, if the Public Service Commission deigns to approve the exchange of customer service areas, the Board of County Commissioners requests that the PSC approve FPL's offer to hold rates flat for these affected customers for the proffered period of three (3) years after the last customer is moved from JEA to FPL service, if allowed by law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18th day of August, 1998.

**ATTEST:** Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By   
Deputy Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY:   
Moses A. Floyd, Chairman