



CITY OF CORAL GABLES

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Dear Eric,

It was good to spend time together with you last week. I was glad to learn of some of FPL's long and near-term goals for its service territory and to be able to discuss matters specific to the concerns of the City of Coral Gables (the "City"). Moreover, as we discussed, I am encouraged by the efforts of FPL to move toward a constructive partnership with the City, one based on mutual trust, understanding, and common objectives that can provide the best utility service levels, reliability, and value proposition possible to our residents, businesses, and visitors.

To that end, I wish to memorialize FPL's commitment, expressed by you last week, regarding the overhead to underground conversion of our electric distribution infrastructure throughout the City and to seek your commitment regarding certain overhead to underground feeder conversions as part of your planned feeder hardening within the City as well.



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First, let me preface by stating that we are very pleased by FPL's intentions to convert all remaining lateral (neighborhood) overhead infrastructure and individual customer service connections to underground (UG). This has been an important element of my Strategic Priorities Plan as Mayor and has been a top priority of mine since I was first elected to the City Commission. Second, I know that my Commission colleagues share similar sentiments expressly publicly about the need to afford our residents and businesses the most robust, safe, and forward-looking utility infrastructure possible—which can address and best mitigate storms and climate resilience and ensure the protection and preservation of the City's tree canopy and aesthetic as well. In addition, as we discussed, the City Commission is planning to discuss later this month how we wish to proceed to underground our utility infrastructure. Your assistance in memorializing to me the following can, in my estimation, help ensure the success both FPL and the City wish to achieve—for the benefit of our residents and businesses and of your valued customers.

- Lateral (neighborhood) infrastructure and individual customer service connection conversions
FPL commits to converting all remaining overhead lateral electric infrastructure on properties within the City limits within 30 years at no cost to the City. FPL further commits to converting 65%-70% of this within ten (10) years and the remaining 30%-35% within the 10 years thereafter. Included in the scope of FPL's work would include FPL's best efforts to work with any entities co-locating equipment on FPL's poles to have them remove any equipment and to seek the conversion of their facilities in coordination with FPL's projects throughout the City. Furthermore, once any FPL poles are no longer used (whether useful or not), FPL would timely remove any poles as part of its overhead to underground conversion projects within the City.



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- Overhead to underground conversion of certain feeders (main lines) located along the City's signatures streets and corridors

We did not have the chance to fully discuss this matter at dinner. As you know, FPL is hardening feeders within the City. At recent meetings held between your FPL Power Delivery engineers and external affairs team with our City Manager and engineering consultant, we were pleased to learn that as part of FPL's existing plans to harden feeders within the City, FPL expressly stated that it anticipates the work will include conversion of approximately 15% of current overhead feeders to underground. That is wonderful news for our city. FPL representatives informed our officials that it had not yet determined or identified the totality of feeders within the City it planned to convert from overhead to underground.

Accordingly, using the figure of 15% as the basis for the scope of FPL's commitment to convert certain City feeders from overhead to underground (not simply overhead harden), the City has identified certain streets, corridors, and intersections that meet FPL's criteria for overhead to underground conversion of feeders, which are (1) highly susceptible to outages in storm events and non-storm occurrences due to a great deal of vegetation and tree canopy, (2) located along major streets with first, second and third-tier critical infrastructure facilities (CIFs), (3) high traffic intersections where public safety is of utmost concern with traffic signals, and (4) the frequent cause of electric system issues where there is an inconsistent mix of overhead and underground infrastructure. Some of these streets listed below are fully undergrounded except for a few blocks, sections, or segments. A few others have longer spans or segments that we believe, based on your reliability, performance, and vegetation management criteria, require undergrounding. Fortunately, the totality of the feeder undergrounding we proposed here falls below your 15% commitment. Thus, we would greatly appreciate FPL's commitment to review its distribution infrastructure and ensure that any feeder sections or segments that are currently overhead along these streets be part of your feeder hardening plans within the overall underground conversion



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work in the next ten (10) years. We obviously leave it to your FPL engineers to determine the order and timing of all this but what feeders are overhead along these streets within the City limits need to be converted from overhead to underground for the reasons stated above. Please note that several of these signature streets set forth below have the overhead feeders located outside City limits (e.g., Douglas Road and Red Road, where the feeders are located across the street from City limits); to be clear, we are not requesting FPL convert any infrastructure outside City limits. We are merely identifying below what are the City's signature roads and corridors of the City, and along its borders, for your information. Our request is that your planned conversion of 15% of feeders within the City include any portions located along the streets below that are currently overhead facilities and that are located within City limits.

- o Alhambra Circle/Ferdinand Street (e.g., from South Greenway to SW 8th Street)
- o Bird Road aka SW 40th Street
- o Blue Road aka 48th Street
- o Coral Way aka SW 20/22nd Street
- o Granada Boulevard
- o Hardee Road
- o Le Jeune Road aka SW 42nd Avenue
- o Malaga (e.g., from Granada Boulevard to Columbus Boulevard)
- o Miami Homestead Avenue
- o Old Cutler Road
- o Ponce de Leon Boulevard
- o Red Road aka SW 57th Avenue
- o Salzedo Street
- o Segovia Street



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- o Sunset Drive (e.g., from Le Jeune Road to School House Road)
- o University Drive
- o Valencia (e.g., from Columbus Boulevard to Granada Boulevard)
- o SW 80th Street

Eric, could you timely respond to me and commit to the matters addressed here? If so, I am confident that we will have established a strong partnership between FPL and the City that is enduring and, most importantly, that we will have done a great service to your customers and our city constituents—now and for decades to come. I look forward to hearing from you in short order, as I must address these matters soon with my fellow City policymakers so that we can decide how the City wishes to proceed. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Vince Lago
Mayor

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