

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2458

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REQUIRE FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT TO IMPROVE SAFETY, RELIABILITY AND SERVICE OF ITS ELECTRIC FACILITIES WITHIN THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, INCLUDING HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND RESTORATION EFFORTS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, September 4, 2017, Hurricane Irma was declared a major hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 120 mph; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Irma posed a severe threat to the entire State of Florida and required timely precautions to be taken to protect communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2017, Hurricane Irma made landfall in the State of Florida as a major hurricane, causing substantial damage to power lines and resulting in widespread power outages and interruptions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Surfside (the "Town") was experiencing reliability and service-related issues in connection with its electric service by Florida Power and Light Company ("FPL"), which issues were intensified in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission finds that urging the Florida Public Service Commission (the "PSC") to require FPL to improve safety, reliability and service, including hurricane and/or storm preparedness and restoration efforts, is in the best interest of the Town and public safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

**Section 2. Urging the PSC.** The PSC is hereby urged to require FPL to improve safety, reliability and service, including hurricane and/or storm preparedness and restoration efforts. The Town Commission hereby expresses its support of the PSC's review of electric utility hurricane preparedness and restoration actions.

**Section 3. Authorization.** The Town Manager and the Town Attorney are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including but not limited to, filing complaint(s) with the PSC and/or intervening in or supporting any proceedings before the PSC related to service improvements and hurricane preparedness and restoration.

**Section 4. Transmittal.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to Florida Governor Rick Scott and the PSC and staff as deemed appropriate by the Town Manager to ensure that the Town's position is clearly received and understood.


**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Karukin

Second by Commissioner Gielchinsky

  
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DANIEL DIETCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:



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Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.  
Town Attorney

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky

yes

Commissioner Michael Karukin

yes

Commissioner Tina Paul

yes

Vice-Mayor Barry Cohen

Absent

Mayor Daniel Dietch

yes