

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-247

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF POWER TO ALL OF ITS CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

WHEREAS, tropical storm force winds and gusts of Category 1 hurricane force winds from Hurricane Irma impacted the east coast of South Florida through the evening of Sunday, September 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, as of the morning of September 11, 2017, four out of five of Florida Power and Light's ("FPL") customers in Coral Gables did not have power; and

WHEREAS, as of September 14, 2017, 45% of FPL's customers in Coral Gables remained without power; and

WHEREAS, Florida Power and Light has been very slow in addressing downed power lines in trees blocking the right-of-way, which has been delaying the City's ability to remove such trees from the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the temperature outside has been very hot, making the loss of power and air conditioning a significant health concern; and

WHEREAS, FPL did not have adequate contractors staffed to meet the needs the storm predictably caused; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is concerned about the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents due to power outages and FPL's delay in restoring power to all of its customers in Coral Gables and desires to take all enforcement action against FPL to ensure that power is restored as quickly as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Attorney’s Office is directed to take enforcement action, including but not limited to sending cease and desist letters pursuant to the City Attorney’s authority in sections 2-201 and 2-203 of the City Code, against FPL related to the power outages and to ensure that power is restored as quickly as possible.


SECTION 3. That as part of this enforcement action, the City Attorney’s Office is directed to conduct a review as to addressing these concerns with the Public Service Commission.


SECTION 4. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2017.
(Moved: Valdes-Fauli / Seconded: Quesada)
(Voice Vote)
(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

RAÚL VALDÉS FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

For WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRAIG E. LEEN
CITY ATTORNEY