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**From:** Ruth McHargue  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2017 11:22 AM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Cc:** Diane Hood; Janet Brunson  
**Subject:** FW: To CLK Docket 160186  
**Attachments:** Docket #160186-El Gulf Power Rate Increase Request; Gulf Power; Rate increase request

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**From:** Diane Hood  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:23 PM  
**To:** Ruth McHargue  
**Subject:** To CLK Docket 160186

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**From:** Erik Spencer <erik.j.spencer4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2017 5:03 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Docket #160186-El Gulf Power Rate Increase Request

I have recently received a notice in the mail that Gulf Power is requesting a rate increase of 6.9% for residential customers. I wholeheartedly object to this request as we as Floridians already pay an annual energy cost that is 40% higher than the national average. Florida residents continue to be marginalized and disregarded by the current energy system in Florida and the allowance of monopolies. Not only should this request be denied, but the entire electric industry of Florida should be restructured to allow multiple companies to compete for energy distribution to customers. The vertical integration of the electric industry in Florida is only good for the companies currently in control of the market because they have absolutely no competition. It is absurd that I have no choice in my electric provider and must pay their outrageous fees or go without power.

I would like to offer as anecdotal evidence my experience while stationed in Texas. Texas has a restructured electric industry that allows for multiple companies to compete for generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity to any given area and they have even set up a state run (Public Utility Commission) website, [powertochoose.com](http://powertochoose.com), where residents can simply input their zip code and instantly see competing company prices. I paid over 300% less per kWh while in Texas due to this process. Florida residents would greatly benefit from a restructured electric industry like this, and the state departments in charge of the change would have many examples from other states to easily transition.

It is time the well-being of the residents came before the well-being of these monopolies, I kindly ask that you deny this request from Gulf Power.

Sincerely,  
Erik Spencer  
Niceville, FL

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**From:** ROBERT L. MILLS <susieq315@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:45 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Rate increase request

Received a letter today from Gulf Power stating requested increase in prices that would take effect in the summer of 2017. The average monthly bill will increase by \$10.22 per month. Also Gulf is proposing to reduce the variable energy charge and increase the daily base charge for existing residential rates.

I'm asking that you do not raise our monthly rates increase by \$10.22 as we the consumer have not had a raise in 10 years. We are retirees and are on a fixed income. Our income stays the same while the cost of living keeps going up. It makes it more difficult for us to keep up with the extra expenses. Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Mills

God bless you.

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**From:** Jamie Hinkle <babmi98@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:21 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Gulf Power

Hello, I'm writing to request that you deny Gulf Power's recent request to raise our rates by 6.9%. Their rates are already absurd and they shouldn't be allowed to continue raising them. The fact that we have no option but to use them for electricity gives them the ability to do so. Therefore, I'd also like to request you consider allowing other providers the opportunity to offer us better rates. Perhaps Gulf Power would be inclined to better assist Florida residents if they had some competition in the area.

Thank you for your time.

Jamie Hinkle

Sent from my iPhone