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From: Angela Charles on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:50 PM
To: 'Debra Malsberger'
Subject: RE: Docket:160186-EI

Good afternoon Ms. Malsberger,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160186-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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From: Debra Malsberger [<mailto:dmalsberger@icloud.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Docket:160186-EI

Dear commissioners,

I would like to register my dissent with the proposed rate hike for gulf power. Escambia county has some of the lowest wages in the entire state, those with low and/or fixed incomes cannot sustain themselves with this increase. Look at the cost of living adjustments offered this year to those on pensions, social security, disability and minimum wage earners. Their income has not increased by the percentage requested, but I can assure you that other costs in their communities have. Rents have gone up, the cost of groceries have gone up, and the cost of medical care is out of control. Before increasing the cost of basic necessities (like electricity) the "why" should be closely evaluated which is why we have a PSC. There are other areas of the Gulf Power budget that could be reduced to ease their perceived shortfall. Look at what was spent on marketing, lobbyists, incentive programs, travel, decorating/remodeling, vs what they have allocated for infrastructure. The public as a whole are disgusted by the executive compensation packages and luxury accommodations that pass as offices. My own family would really struggle with this increase and we would likely have to move my husband's mother since her rent just went up \$30 monthly and her Social Security would not cover a \$20 electric increase (10% of her current bill). Before you vote, please ask some area seniors, disabled veterans, and teachers for a sample of their monthly expenses vs their income. THAT will be an enlightening experience, I can assure you.

Please tell Gulf Power "no"

Respectfully,
Debbie Malsberger
Pensacola, FL