

Sandra Soto

From: Sandra Soto on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 8:48 AM
To: 'amy dodge'
Subject: RE: Docket # 160186-EI

Good morning Ms. Dodge,

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: amy dodge [<mailto:piksyqueen@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Docket # 160186-EI

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the Gulf Coast Power Company's proposed rate increase. I am a college-educated woman working a good-paying job in Bay County, FL. The rates we currently have are quite high enough for the consumers. Many people already struggle to pay their power bills. Personally, a rate hike would make me struggle as well.

While rate hikes are a necessary evil occasionally, it seems that Gulf Power frequently asks for increases. As they have a monopoly over my electricity, I have no choice but to pay them. Right now, I am able to do so. An increase would make that challenging or impossible. I think you also need to consider those on limited incomes. While my income is not "limited" in the traditional sense, I am a salaried worker. I work 50 or more hours per week already and cannot get an increase in pay to cover the increase in costs.

Most people in bay County cannot afford to pay more for their power! PLEASE do NOT approve increases.

Sincerely,
Amy Dodge, Bay County resident, teacher, and parent