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From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 12:41 PM
To: 'Nancy Haney'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase

Dear Ms. Haney:

Thank you for contacting the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) about Gulf Power Company's (Gulf) rate increase petition. Your correspondence is included in Gulf's rate case docket file (No. 160186-EI) to give Commissioners and staff an opportunity to review and understand your concerns.

January service hearings were held in Pensacola and Panama City. All customer comments—written and verbal—become a part of the record and will be reviewed and considered when PSC staff prepares its recommendation to the Commissioners on Gulf's petition.

Gulf's technical hearing before the PSC will be in March in Tallahassee. Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Office of Public Counsel (representing Gulf customers), and other intervenors in the case will present testimony, introduce exhibits, and be cross-examined before the Commissioners. Commissioners will review Gulf's need for a rate increase, its existing and proposed rate structure, and its ability to provide safe and reliable service.

Commissioners are charged with making sure that Florida's utility companies fulfill their service obligation. In its petition, Gulf based its request on several factors, including transmission projects and replacing and repairing infrastructure. The PSC will ensure that final customer rates reflect only those costs that are prudent and necessary for Gulf to deliver quality electric service.

You can find Gulf rate case information on the PSC's website, www.FloridaPSC.com. Access the Clerk's Office tab, then hit Dockets and type in Docket No. 160186. All case submissions can be found in the Documents Filing Index. If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please call PSC Consumer Assistance at 1-800-342-3552.

Sincerely,

Bev DeMello
Assistant Director

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From: Nancy Haney [<mailto:haney4@mchsi.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Gulf Power base rate increase

Comment submitted to Florida PSC on 1/26/17:

I am adamantly opposed to Gulf Power's proposal to raise the base rate from \$18 to \$48/mo. This increase is arbitrary and does nothing to discourage inefficient use of electricity. I have installed a geothermal HVAC system and solar pv system at great expense because of efficiency and environmental benefits. Increases of this magnitude are outrageous,

especially, after the costly and ill-advised promotion of a deceptive amendment that would have thwarted the necessary advancement of Solar Power in the Sunshine state. Until Gulf Power realizes that the citizens of Florida want more Solar power they should lead responsibly or get out of the way!

Submitted by Robert and Nancy Haney, 1528 Coral Lane, Gulf Breeze, Fl. 32563

Sent from my iPad