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**From:** Janet Brunson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2017 11:03 AM  
**To:** 'kevin.gade@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket Number 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Gade:

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](http://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:** Kevin Gade [<mailto:kevin.gade@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 9:22 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Docket Number 160186

My name is Kevin Gade, and I reside at 6048 Huntington Creek Circle, Pensacola FL 32526. From my research, I see that Gulf Power is asking for an increase of \$106.8 million in base rates. Gulf Power is filing for an increase of approximately (6x) six times more than power companies throughout Florida, on top of asking for an increase to (11%) eleven percent on Return on Equity, which is (2%) two percent more than the average within Florida of (9%) nine percent. I personally believe that this is unjust to all of Florida citizens, being serviced by Gulf Power, and ask the Public Service Commission to reject such a proposal. Thank you in advance for your sincere consideration in this matter.

**Sincerely and Respectfully,**

**Kevin M. Gade**  
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