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**From:** Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 9:07 AM  
**To:** 'Jt Talley'  
**Subject:** RE: not helpfull,,,, protect we the PEOPLE!!

Good morning Mr. Talley,

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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UNACCEPTABLE RATE HIKE !!!!

AARP Florida State Director Jeff Johnson issued the following statement urging AARP members and other consumers in the Panhandle to raise their voices on a proposed \$106.8 million Gulf Power Co. rate increase.

“AARP believes this proposed rate increase asks too much of residential ratepayers,” Johnson said. The Gulf Power proposal would increase the fixed charge portion of bill, he noted, which is the amount that ratepayers pay regardless of whether they use any electricity.

“That fixed charge would go from \$18 per month to \$48 per month. Gulf Power already has the highest fixed charge of any major utility in the state,” Johnson said. “A 155 percent increase to the monthly customer charge is outrageous. It gives customers less control over their electricity spending by making more of the bill fixed.”

“If approved, this rate increase would give Gulf Power a rate of return of 11 percent, which is out of line with what other utilities receive around the nation. AARP hopes the Florida Public Service Commission will consider the impact of this rate increase on consumers of all ages, but especially on older, rural consumers who can only dream of getting this kind of return on their hard-won savings, if any.”--

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