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From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:15 AM
To: '1007wdk@cox.net'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 160168-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Keefe:

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
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From: wayne d. keefe [<mailto:1007wdk@cox.net>]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 8:09 PM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Gulf Power Rate Increase

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer,

This Email is to vote against the rate increase that Gulf Power is seeking starting on 1 July 2017. Following are my reasons for my negative vote.

First it seems these utility services just want to increase rates for no good reason. Received a flier with my last GP (Gulf Power) bill, stating how GP is using more sources of renewable energy, like Wind Farms, Solar Panels, and trying to harness the Gulf Stream and Tides. All of these would reduce GP's operating cost. So why

the increase to their customers, if in fact there operating cost decrease, I say let there share holders take a ten dollar decrease and I'm sure that will be more than what would come from a rate increase.

Secondly for those of us living on Fixed Incomes \$10.00 per month doesn't sound like a lot, but in reality it becomes \$ 120.00 a year and for those at the low income level that translates to cutting the food budget or a prescription that may not get filled or transportation costs.

Lastly this Email will be for not, because in the end it will be up to you at The Florida Public Service Commission to stop these companies from feeling that when they want an increase all they have to do is ask and they will receive but I hope not this time. Thanks for listening.

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