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**From:** Janet Brunson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:06 AM  
**To:** 'Khnmisc@aol.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 160168-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Noble:

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:** [Khnmisc@aol.com](mailto:Khnmisc@aol.com) [<mailto:Khnmisc@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017 8:51 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** NO GULF POWER INCREASE

Florida Public Service Commission  
Office of Commission Clerk

Docket # 160186-EL

We were not able to attend the hearing in Pensacola the other night, but do want to voice our opinion. We **do not** want an increase to the base rate of our Gulf Power bill. For 1 it's too large of an increase for us seniors on fixed incomes. For 2 we can't control this base rate and

would have to pay a higher cost even if we use less electric. Since Gulf Power is the only company supplying electricity in our area we don't have a choice in supplier like if we are buying gas at a station for a car. This increase would cause most people to not have an incentive to save energy.

Gulf Power should be doing more with solar and wind, which are free, and could help lower bills. Have read in the paper they are doing solar things on the bases, but what about the rest of us?

Didn't they buy land in northern Escambia county? What are they doing with it? Seems like nothing; so they spent money on something that is just sitting there and they probably are having to pay property tax on the land?

Our social security went up .03% this year, so where would you suggest we get the money for this increase??

Sincerely,  
Karlene & Roger Noble  
Pensacola, FL 32507