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**From:** Janet Brunson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:07 AM  
**To:** 'Linda Jones'  
**Cc:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase

Dear Ms. Jones:

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:** Linda Jones [<mailto:moonslither@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:36 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Gulf Power rate case, Docket #160186.

As a senior living on limited SS, and in a house built in 1928, I can barely afford the current rates. Please weigh in on this rate case for those of us who may have to choose between food, doctor's care and other necessities of life, and using our heat and air conditioning, and lights. And by conserving energy, that energy will cost us more than someone who uses a lot.

I know this is a publicly held business, but shareholders shouldn't expect to make their money from what we cannot afford to pay.

Sincerely,  
Linda Jones