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From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 2:43 PM
To: 'hymelj@bellsouth.net'
Subject: FW: Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate increase Request
Attachments: Gulf Power Notice to Customers.pdf; GP Rate OverView Case by PSC.pdf

Good afternoon Mr. Hymel,

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,

Collin D. Roehner
Commission Deputy Clerk I
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida, 32301
(850) 413-7123

From: Jeff Hymel [<mailto:hymelj@bellsouth.net>]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: 'Jeff Hymel'
Subject: Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate increase Request

Dear FL PSC:

Please add me the list of the Gulf Power Rate Payers that are AGAINST this requested Rate Structure Change AND Rate Increase slated for July 2017 – this being on top of the 1.4% Rate Increase (less Fuel Charge Differential) the 1st of January.

They state that the average monthly bill will go up by 6.9% from \$148.64 to \$158.86 – BUT, the PSC Q&A shows that a 1,000 kWh bill will actually jump 12.7% from \$131.70 to \$148.47!

This feels like more deception from Gulf Power just like how they were touting Amendment One.

Regards,

Jeff Hymel
Navarre, FL

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

Citing the need to continue investing in the long-term reliability of Northwest Florida's energy infrastructure, on October 12, Gulf Power asked the Florida Public Service Commission to conduct a public review process of our rates and our request for an increase in prices that would take effect in the summer of 2017.

Securing your energy future requires a balanced energy mix that includes renewable energy and 24/7 sources like natural gas and low-cost coal that's cleaner than ever. Energy security also includes reliability — continuous improvement in this area is critical.

Gulf Power's current total residential price (base rate plus clause rates) is lower than it was in 2015, and it will be even lower in January 2017, mainly because of decreased fuel prices. Taking this into account, if the new base rate request is approved by the Florida Public Service Commission, the average residential customer's total monthly bill will increase by \$10.22 per month or 6.9 percent — from \$148.64 to \$158.86. Gulf is also proposing to reduce the variable energy charge and increase the daily base charge for existing residential rates and is seeking approval of two new residential rate options.

Current base rates will remain in effect until new rates become effective under Florida law. Copies of the rate review filing, including proposed rate schedules, are available for review at your local Gulf Power office (see list of locations below) and via the Company's website at GulfPower.com. Company personnel are available at all Gulf Power offices to answer questions concerning this request. They may be contacted at the address or telephone number shown on your electricity bill or GulfPower.com.

This rate review filing can be found on the Florida Public Service Commission website under Docket number 160186-EI (www.psc.state.fl.us). Comments regarding service may be made to the Florida Public Service Commission's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552. Comments regarding the proposed changes in rates and charges should be addressed to the Office of Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 and should include the docket number.

The PSC will accept faxes and emails.
Fax number: 1-800-511-0809
Email address: contact@psc.state.fl.us

The Office of Public Counsel (OPC) has intervened in this docket. The duty of the OPC is to provide legal representation for the people of the State of Florida in proceedings before the Commission. OPC representatives may be contacted prior to the hearing at 111 West Madison Street, Room 812, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400, or by phone at 1-800-342-0222.

List of local Gulf Power Offices

Panama City	1230 E. 15th Street, Panama City, FL 32402
Chipley	1195 Jackson Avenue, Chipley, FL 32428
DeFuniak Springs	1226 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
Crestview	1655 S. Ferdon Boulevard, Crestview, FL 32536
Niceville	1057 E. John Sims Parkway, Niceville, FL 32578
Ft. Walton Beach	140 Hollywood Boulevard S.W., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
Milton	5120 Dogwood Drive, Milton, FL 32570
Pensacola	418 W. Garden Street, Pensacola, FL 32501
Corporate Office	500 Bayfront Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32502

Time Schedule

Filing

October 12, 2016

Service Hearings

Pensacola
Thursday, January 26, 2017
6:00 p.m. CST
Pensacola State College
Hagler Auditorium
1000 College Boulevard
*Note: Auditorium is at the corner of
Underwood Avenue and N. 9th Avenue*
Pensacola, Florida 32504

Panama City
Friday, January 27, 2017
10:00 a.m. CST
Florida State University-Panama City
Campus
Holley Lecture Hall
4750 Collegiate Drive
Panama City, FL 32405

Pre-hearing Conference

March 6, 2017
Florida Public Service Commission
Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 148, 4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862

Hearing

March 20 – 24, 2017
Florida Public Service Commission
Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 148, 4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862

Comparison of current and proposed rates and charges

Under Gulf Power's proposal, the following typical monthly bill increases would apply to the usage shown when the proposed new rates are put into effect on and after the first billing period in July 2017. There are no proposed changes to Service Charges.

- A Residential Service monthly bill for the average Gulf Power customer (1,112 kWh) would increase from \$148.64 under the current rates to \$158.86, a 6.9 percent increase.
- A small commercial General Service monthly bill for 1,500 kWh would increase from \$198.53 under the current rates to \$208.57, a 5.1 percent increase.
- A General Service Demand monthly bill for 25 kW and 11,000 kWh would increase from \$1,098 under the current rates to \$1,137, a 3.5 percent increase.
- A Large Power Service monthly bill for 500 kW and 288,000 kWh would increase from \$25,536 under the current rates to \$26,178, a 2.5 percent increase.
- A Large Power Service monthly bill for 658 kW and 288,000 kWh would increase from \$27,903 under the current rates to \$28,918, a 3.6 percent increase.
- A Large Power Service monthly bill for 1,315 kW and 288,000 kWh would increase from \$37,748 under the current rates to \$40,313, a 6.8 percent increase.
- A Large Power Service Time-of-Use monthly bill for 5,000 kW on-peak demand, 600,000 kWh on-peak energy, 5,000 kW max demand, and 1,800,000 kWh off-peak energy would increase from \$222,600 under the current rates to \$230,270, a 3.4 percent increase.



Florida Public Service Commission **RATE CASE OVERVIEW**

JANUARY 2017

Petition for increase in rates by
Gulf Power Company

DOCKET NO. 160186-EI

On October 12, 2016, Gulf Power Company (Gulf) filed a petition with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a base rate increase. Gulf currently provides electric service to more than 450,000 retail customers in all or parts of 8 Florida counties.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1 Is there an opportunity for public input on this rate case?

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Gulf's rate request, the Commission will conduct two service hearings to allow customer feedback about Gulf and the rate setting process. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider Gulf's quality of service and other matters. Customer comments, written and oral, will be taken into consideration when the Commission reaches a decision. Commissioners will attend and participate during the hearings.

2 Why is Gulf requesting a rate increase?

Gulf states it is requesting a rate increase to cover increasing operating costs.

3 Presently, how much is a 1,000 kWh monthly bill for residential customers?

Currently, a 1,000 kWh monthly bill for residential customers is \$131.70.

4 Using Gulf's proposed rates, how much would a 1,000 kWh monthly bill be for residential customers?

Using Gulf's proposed rates, a 1,000 kWh monthly bill for residential customers is estimated to be \$148.47 effective July 2017.

SERVICE HEARINGS

Thursday, January 26, 2017

6:00 p.m. (Central Time)

Pensacola State College

Hagler Auditorium

1000 College Boulevard

Pensacola, FL 32504

Friday, January 27, 2017

10:00 a.m. (Central Time)

FSU Panama City Campus

Holley Center

4750 Collegiate Drive

Panama City, FL 32405

If cancelled, notice of meeting cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website (www.floridapsc.com) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by contacting the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

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5 What if I cannot attend the service hearing or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally at the meeting or in writing.* Written comments should be mailed to:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

The PSC will also accept emailed comments at: clerk@psc.state.fl.us

Please be sure to include the docket number, **160186-EI**.

Customer comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file and are taken into consideration by the Commissioners in reaching their decision. If you have questions, contact the PSC's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552.

6 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Bart Fletcher
(850) 413-7017

Elisabeth Draper
(850) 413-6706

Laura King
(850) 413-6588

For legal questions, contact:

Lee Eng Tan
(850) 413-6185

7 Where on the Internet can I obtain more detailed information?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Click on **Clerk's Office** then **Dockets**. Type in the docket number, **160186**.

8 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on April 28, 2017 that addresses Gulf's proposed revenue increase. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the May 9, 2017 Commission Conference.

Based on the Commission's decision on Gulf's proposed revenue increase, staff will prepare another recommendation that addresses the specific rates to be charged to each class of customers. Staff's second recommendation is scheduled to be filed on May 24, 2017. The Commission is expected to vote on Gulf's rates at the May 31, 2017 Commission Conference.

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Residential Bills at Various Usage Levels

	Present January 2017	Proposed July 2017
1,000 kWh		
Base Charge*	\$18.87	\$48.09
Energy Charge	\$45.85	\$32.98
Fuel Charge	\$31.63	\$31.63
Other Cost Recovery Charges**	\$32.06	\$32.06
Gross Receipts Tax	\$3.29	\$3.71
Total	\$131.70	\$148.47
1,200 kWh		
Base Charge*	\$18.87	\$48.09
Energy Charge	\$55.02	\$39.58
Fuel Charge	\$37.96	\$37.96
Other Cost Recovery Charges**	\$38.47	\$38.47
Gross Receipts Tax	\$3.85	\$4.21
Total	\$154.17	\$168.31
2,000 kWh		
Base Charge*	\$18.87	\$48.09
Energy Charge	\$91.70	\$65.96
Fuel Charge	\$63.26	\$63.26
Other Cost Recovery Charges**	\$64.12	\$64.12
Gross Receipts Tax	\$6.10	\$6.19
Total	\$244.05	\$247.62
3,000 kWh		
Base Charge*	\$18.87	\$48.09
Energy Charge	\$137.55	\$98.94
Fuel Charge	\$94.89	\$94.89
Other Cost Recovery Charges**	\$96.18	\$96.18
Gross Receipts Tax	\$8.91	\$8.67
Total	\$356.40	\$346.77

* Base Charge is a daily charge: 62 cents (present) and \$1.58 (proposed). Calculation assumes 30.4375 days per month

** Other Cost Recovery Charges include capacity, conservation, and environmental costs.

Petition for increase in rates by

Gulf Power Company

DOCKET NO. 160186-EI

Name _____

Address _____

To submit your comments about this docket to the Florida Public Service Commission, please complete this comment form and return it by mail, or fax it to 1-800-511-0809. Correspondence will be placed in the docket file.

CONSUMER COMMENTS

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