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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Janet Brunson; Diane Hood
Subject: FW: To CLK Docket 160186

Customer correspondence

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Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 2:05 PM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: To CLK Docket 160186- Response requested

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From: edward booth [<mailto:edward.booth52@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 1:59 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Cc: Doug Herrick; Tia Booth; Bob Nicodemus
Subject: Re: Proposed electrical utility rate increase in Pensacola

RESENT

Gentlemen:

I am a professional engineer that has spent my 35 year career in the oil and gas industry, developing "mega projects" all over the world. I understand economics and what drives economic development and renewables development.

This is to advise you that I **highly object** to the proposed rate hike **structure** proposed by Gulf Power. The increase in the base rate to approximately \$48 will do **great harm** to future solar development in our "Sunshine State".

By more than doubling the fixed (base) rate, solar development is greatly dis-incentivized. Is that what the State wants to do, i.e. discourage solar development, thereby **increasing pollution?** This seems like lunacy to me. FL is greatly lagging other parts of the country in solar development due to policies like this. Solar development will be greatly discouraged due to the economics.

This proposed rate structure will also hit lower income folks especially hard, a very bad idea.

I strongly urge you to reject / invalidate this proposed rate hike structure. It is bad for consumers, bad for FL and bad for the US. It is taking us backwards with respect to developing renewables, instead of forward, i.e. **NOT** the direction FL should be headed.

On another subject, when will FL consider de-regulation of the power industry? States like Texas are way ahead of FL in this regard. As a former TX resident, I saw my consumer electrical rates go down to an approximate \$0.085 / kWh to \$0.09 kWh, which is about 30% to 35% lower than the bills I now pay in FL. I had my choice of about 15 different companies with whom I could choose to do business (i.e. supply electricity to my home). This drove competition and resulted in lower rates. FL needs to open up competition, like

TX has done. This would benefit all consumers greatly and drive better efficiencies. Currently, there are few incentives or drivers for the electric utility companies to significantly improve efficiencies.

Regards,

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