



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.

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