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From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 9:48 AM
To: 'Robert Black'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Black:

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.

Service hearings are scheduled in Pensacola on January 26 and in Panama City on January 27. I encourage you to attend one of the hearings, so that you can directly speak to the Commissioners. 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. 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

From: Robert Black [<mailto:bobalink692@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 9:38 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Gulf Power Rate increase of 6.9%.

I believe this is an extreme increase. Gulf power is making plenty of money at there current rates. There facilities and equipment are new there people are among the highest paid in the state. I believe if they get a rate increase it will go to a wasteful spending such as windmills and other forms of alternative energy mandated by the liberals in Washington DC. If they think they need a rate increase that bad, give them an increase like the senior citizens on Social Security received. They received A HUGE INCREASE OF 3/10th OF ONE PERCENT OR .003% or in my case \$5.00 dollars per month. That \$5.00 does not cover the increase of insurance, let alone an increase \$10.22 per month to a multi billion dollar company like Gulf Power

Corporation. On top of that people receiving Social Security have not received a cost of living increase for the past 3 years, other than the huge .003% increase. Gulf Power looking at my bill is doing very well at there current rates.