

**Collin Roehner**

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**From:** Ruth McHargue  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2017 5:18 PM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Cc:** Janet Brunson; Diane Hood  
**Subject:** FW: To CLK Docket 160186  
**Attachments:** Docket # 160186-El; Rate hike; Gulf Power Rate Increase; Docket number 160186-El; Proposed Rate Increase; re proposed rate increase for Gulf Power; FW PSC Contact Form

Customer correspondence

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**From:** Diane Hood  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:19 PM  
**To:** Ruth McHargue  
**Subject:** To CLK Docket 160186

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**From:** Benjamin Legaspi  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:54 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** FW: PSC Contact Form

-----Original Message-----

From: [contact@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us) [<mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us>]  
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 3:02 PM  
To: Webmaster  
Cc: [moneypenny1942@hotmail.com](mailto:moneypenny1942@hotmail.com)  
Subject: PSC Contact Form

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:  
Name: Robert Moore  
Company: Gulf Power  
Primary Phone: (740) 441-7782  
Secondary Phone: (740) 441-7782  
Email: [moneypenny1942@hotmail.com](mailto:moneypenny1942@hotmail.com)

Response requested? Yes  
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:

Regarding the proposed rate increase by Gulf Power, why should the customer pay for the utility's investment in maintaining and sustaining delivery of energy in the future if that means acquiring land or spending on potential nuclear or coal sources? Take those risk investments from their existing profit margin and from CEO's salary / bonuses!

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**From:** jgregsr@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2017 12:11 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** re: proposed rate increase for Gulf Power

Any residential increase for power from the Gulf Power monopoly is absolutely absurd..I own a 2600 Sq. ft. rental unit in Alys Beach and when renters are not there, which is often, the power use is negligible, yet my all time 4400 sq ft home in Wrightsville Beach, NC, which has very similar year round temperatures, has a monthly bill from Duke Power that is much lower and often less than half of Gulf Power...please listen to the public...I'm sure you will hear from them, but unless they have two homes they won't know how bad Gulf is..Jamie Gregory, 8 North Channel Drive, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

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**From:** Cole Yuknis <cny85@live.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 15, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Proposed Rate Increase

To Whom It May Concern,

I recently received a letter regarding a proposed rate increase from Gulf Power. I would like to share my concerns with the rate increase. This rate increase would disproportionately affect consumers who use less energy by increasing the fixed cost from \$18 per month to \$48 per month. While I do understand, the increase in solar panels has put somewhat of a strain on the power company with gaining revenue for updating and maintaining infrastructure. This is a 167% increase to the fixed rate. I don't currently use solar panels, but do many things to conserve energy use to save on my bill and benefit the environment. They say it will only be a 6.9% increase for the average customer, I am not the average customer since my bill is much lower than \$148 each month.

I do support an increase because this does need to be done from time to time, but the proposed increase is too much.

Sincerely,  
Cole Yuknis

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**From:** Fred Beauchemin <FredBeaucheminPE@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 15, 2017 10:46 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Docket number 160186-EI  
**Attachments:** AB2FBDC7-7CF5-4545-8F74-F5BE9C821465.pdf; ATT00001.txt

Dear Sirs:

I am a Gulf Power Customer seeking to influence your decisions regarding Docket number 160186-EI that Gulf Power has informed it's customers is a proposed rate increase with the objective of INVESTING the proceeds therefrom to improve the reliability of it's power infrastructure. Gulf Power cites summary data that it's costs are declining, "...mainly because of decreased fuel prices." Yet Gulf Power proposes across-the-board increases in base rates — in the case of residential customers an average increase of 6.9% or \$10.22 per month (multiplied by \_\_\_ customers = \$\_\_\_ data not supplied). Compare that to the Social Security 0.3% Cost of Living increase effective this month.

This is upside-down logic. It is also a request by Gulf Power to have you force me to INVEST in Gulf Power infrastructure improvements. This is not a rate structure function; Gulf Power should be directed to address itself to the commercial bond market to raise private funds for such infrastructure improvements. If they present a convincing argument, I might be willing to join other INVESTORS to INVEST in Gulf Power's infrastructure improvements. It goes without saying that I most strenuously reject Gulf Power's attempt to have you force me to INVEST via a rate increase — that is not your function and it is not the way the INVESTMENT market works! Oh, and if I end up being forced to INVEST, what rate of return might I receive and what options are there to sell my INVESTMENT.

If my logic does not resonate with you, please direct Gulf Power to provide its customers all pertinent data reasonably necessary to rebut the rate proposal on the (fallacious) grounds it has been proposed, because the half page of information provided to customers like me is woefully inadequate to provide you a reasonably balanced argument opposing the rate increase proposal by Gulf Power on the basis of rates and costs.

I invite your attention to the attached copy of the Gulf Power "NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS"

Sincerely,

Alfred E. Beauchemin, P.E.  
Gulf Power Residential Customer of 35 years

CC:  
OPC: 111 West Madison St., Room 812, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400, (800) 342-0222

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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**From:** Eddie Oramas <n.fl\_a\_mediator@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 15, 2017 6:31 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Gulf Power Rate Increase

Please do not allow Gulf Power to increase rates any further. I cannot afford it!!!

Our next president is all about cutting expenses. Just what efforts have they made? The country is shifting back to common sense. Enough fleecing of Americans by big company's.

Thank you for your time,

Eddie

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Priscilla <pmmyers41@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2017 7:58 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Rate hike

Gulf Power!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Patrick Pahalek <patrickpahalek@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2017 12:31 PM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Docket # 160186-EI

Regarding GP's request for a residential rate hike:

Their own letter proclaims that "rates are lower now than in 2015 and will be even lower in Jan 2017 mainly because of decreased fuel prices". If this is true, aren't their costs to create power also down? What is the justification for requesting a rate increase? I work for the State of Florida and I have a good job with good benefits but I have not had a raise since my start date. That's over 10 years ago. So, in a since I'm on a fixed income like many others. Even a \$10+ a month increase is felt. Especially when added to all other price increases.

Also, what is the "variable energy charge"? It's not explained in their letter. They propose lowering that rate while increasing the base rate for existing residential rates. Will this be a "wash" basically or will some of us be penalized for not using this variable energy source.

I don't like it, need it or think that a rate increase is deserved or justified by what I've been told by Gulf Power.

Respectfully,

Patrick Pahalek

Sent from my iPhone