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From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:45 AM
To: 'Cole Yuknis'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: RE: Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Yuknis:

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: Cole Yuknis [<mailto: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