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From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 10:35 AM
To: 'John Minton'
Subject: RE: Docket number 160186

Good morning Mr. Minton,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160186-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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From: John Minton [<mailto:coralrives@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Docket number 160186

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer

Commission Clerk

Public Service Commission

2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.

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Dear Ms. Stauffer;

Regarding docket number **160186**, I am writing this on behalf of my elderly mother, Martha Minton, who resides at **17545 Front Beach Rd. Unit 1801, Panama City Beach, FL 32413**. As a senior citizen on a fixed income, she unequivocally and emphatically requests that you do NOT grant Gulf Power its request to increase your electric bill 7 percent a year, beginning July 1 of this year. Any increase in utilities above the rate of inflation significantly affects her. An increase such as this has the profound effect of throwing her tight budget into a spiral. Panama City Beach has grown exponentially over the last decade or so and there are far more Gulf Power customers not than ever. Why Gulf Power needs to increase these rates in unknown and ill-timed. As Gulf Power raises the rates on businesses and industrial customers, that increase will also be passed along to residential consumers further stretching already thin budgets.

Thank you for considering the folks on fixed incomes when making your decision.

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John Minton

"Be good and you will be lonesome."

Mark Twain