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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Janet Brunson; Diane Hood
Subject: FW: To CLK Docket 160186
Attachments: Input on Gulf Power Rate Increase Request; Gulf Power rate increase; FPSC , 2 page(s)

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From: Diane Hood
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:28 PM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: To CLK Docket 160186

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From: PSC Fax Server <Fax@psc.state.fl.us>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Consumer Contact
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January 11, 2017

Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Dkt. Number 160186-El
Gulf Power Rate Increase Request

Dear Sir/Madame:

I write to voice my opposition to the proposed rate increase request by Gulf Power. I will be brief as I see on the internet other groups and individuals have opposed this request also and have undoubtedly given much clearer and well researched evidence and reasons for this opposition.

First, a 6.9 percent increase seems very high. I've been retired for 7 years. Each year brings greater cost for health care, insurance, taxes, surcharges, fuel charges, food, transportation, energy, etc. My fixed retirement annuity doesn't even cover inflation. There are thousands of us, the greatest majority of Gulf Power residential customers, not just retirees, but the working poor who live from paycheck paycheck. Is it not curious with the great influx of people – customers for Gulf Power – that GP needs a rate increase? Just take a drive in any direction in the county and you'll find traffic gridlocked, urban sprawl and development. Our county will soon resemble south Florida. We already do.

Secondly, the sprawl. I am a Pensacola native and can remember when there was no pollution haze on the horizon; when there were shrimp boats in the Bay and you could dive for scallops. There were open spaces where you could actually see the Gulf of Mexico when going to Pensacola Beach without all the hotels, condo's, restaurants and bars. Most people today wouldn't know their environment without noise and light pollution. Oh, Progress and of course, money – the ultimate motivator and arbiter.

I realize Gulf Power provides a vital service and also realize they employ some very well-heeled lobbyists, just as lobbyists ply their interests with our federal representatives and senators. Follow the money, follow the influence. Energy providers have to be called to task to stop fossil fuel usage and exploitation. Gulf Power's use of "low-cost coal that's cleaner than ever" is still dirty coal that is polluting our air and land. Climate change is already affecting the whole world and the state of Florida is in the cross-hairs. No 'normal, sane' person could dispute the undeniable facts and clear evidence of this gloomy outcome. Will we be vocal enough to save our environment? Can your governing body, Office of Public Counsel, and all the other unknown influencing interests be ethically and morally brave enough? What will we give our children and grandchildren?

Here's a thought for Gulf Power, you know, since we live in the SUNSHINE STATE: why not make it economically feasible for customers to utilize solar power? Other counties have done so. I would love, love, love to be able to do so but I can't afford it. Instead, I'm afraid of continually rising rates for this so-called low cost coal that's cleaner than ever.

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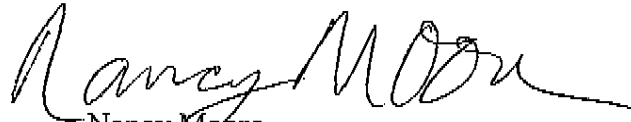
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Lastly, I can't not mention the timing of Gulf Power's Notice to Customers letter. Thank you for the relevant information, however, the next time, would you send a more timely Notice; one that doesn't coincidewith the busiest time of year, when we people out of town, busy with buying Christmas presents or attending Christmas festivities? That was pretty slick, Gulf Power, but did you really think people wouldn't notice?

Sad part is people didn't notice.

Thank you for your time in considering this letter. I hope the right decision can be made.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nancy Moore

10375 Cove Ave.

Pensacola, FL 32534

cc: Office of Public Counsel

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From: Don & Katy <dekvanderhoef@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 12:12 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Gulf Power rate increase

After spending \$23,000,000 on advertising for the passage of an amendment that would further cost the average taxpaying citizen, it appears that Gulf Power is punishing those customers, and all others, who may have voted against their efforts to expand their monopoly on consumable energy. Please watch out for the customers of Gulf Power.

Thank you,

Enola Kay Vanderhoef

Panama City, FL

Collin Roehner

From: Lara Mcknight <laradmck@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Input on Gulf Power Rate Increase Request

Good morning.

I just wanted to take a moment to offer my input as a Gulf Power Customer and Citizen of Pensacola.

To me, this is about more than a few extra dollars on my bill. My neighbors and I are aware that GP spent millions to lobby for Amendment , the Florida Solar Energy Subsidies and Personal Solar Use - the expenditure of this money did not benefit their customers one bit! It was their choice to spend that money, and I don't think it is right for them to pass the cost on to their customers. I did my research and voted against the amendment and I have done my research and vote NO on allowing any rate increase for Gulf Power.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Warmest Regards,

Lara McKnight