

Sandra Soto

From: Sandra Soto on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:01 AM
To: 'Pepita Chinae'
Subject: RE: Gulf Power Rate Hike - docket number 160186

Good morning Ms. Arrieta,

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: Pepita Chinae [<mailto:rolidaly@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 5:38 PM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Gulf Power Rate Hike - docket number 160186

Dear Public Service Commission members:

I'm writing to you today to voice my concerns over the proposed Gulf Power Rate Hike. This proposed rate hike will impact low-income and low-usage customers the most. Instead of favoring those people that are conserving our limited resources, this proposed rate hike punishes those that are conservative in regards to energy consumption by increasing their monthly bills at a higher percentage than the higher-usage customers. The proposed minimum service charge will be substantially higher than other utilities in Florida. For example, the Gulf Power proposed minimum service charge will be \$48.09/month compared to Florida Power and Light's minimum service charge of \$7.87. This is almost 700% higher for Gulf Power!

Gulf Power is a PUBLIC utility company and should serve the public interest and not the shareholders. Their demands to secure a 11% rate of return for their shareholders is above the average of other public utilities and is excessive.

Why punish the low-income customers by this rate hike when the CEO of Gulf Power makes over \$11 million in salary and stock options? Please vote no for this rate hike. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lisa Arrieta
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