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From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 12:38 PM
To: 'Stephanie Allen'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase

Dear Ms. Allen:

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.

January service hearings were held in Pensacola and Panama City. 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: Stephanie Allen [<mailto:stephanie.allen04@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:34 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Rate Increase

"Florida Public Service Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very much opposed to the the proposed Base Rate structure change for Gulf Power that will raise the amount we, the customers, will pay before we even start using energy!
That will make electricity so much more unaffordable for so many more people already struggling to make ends meet.

This base rate change (from about \$18 to about \$50) penalizes the elderly and the very poor who don't use much energy because they can't afford it. It also penalizes anyone trying to save energy and those who have already invested money in making their homes and businesses energy efficient.

I don't even really see the justification for the rate increase either as the cost of fuel has gone down but we are not seeing that reflected in our bills.

Please do not allow the rate and, especially, the base rate change. Gulf Power had plenty of money to spend on attempts to thwart people using solar energy in the recent ballot amendment in Florida. It could have saved some of this money trying to eliminate competition and invested it back into the company without asking for this increase.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephanie Aleln