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From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 11:52 AM
To: 'piksyqueen@yahoo.com'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase Request

Dear Ms. Dodge:

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: amy dodge [<mailto:piksyqueen@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Docket # 160186-EI

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the Gulf Coast Power Company's proposed rate increase. I am a college-educated woman working a good-paying job in Bay County, FL. The rates we currently have are quite high enough for the consumers. Many people already struggle to pay their power bills. Personally, a rate hike would make me struggle as well.

While rate hikes are a necessary evil occasionally, it seems that Gulf Power frequently asks for increases. As they have a monopoly over my electricity, I have no choice but to pay them. Right now, I am able to do so. An increase would make that challenging or impossible. I think you also need to consider those on limited incomes. While my income is not "limited" in the traditional sense, I am a salaried worker. I work 50 or more hours per week already and cannot get an increase in pay to cover the increase in costs.

Most people in Bay County cannot afford to pay more for their power! PLEASE do NOT approve increases.

Sincerely,
Amy Dodge, Bay County resident, teacher, and parent