

Collin Roehner

From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 9:39 AM
To: 'Ridlon Kiphart'
Subject: RE: docket number 160186

Good morning Mr. Kiphart,

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,

Collin D. Roehner
Commission Deputy Clerk I
Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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From: Ridlon Kiphart [<mailto:ridlonkiphart@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: docket number 160186

RE: docket number 160186

Dear Sir:

We strongly oppose the proposed rate increase from Gulf Power as this would have a significantly adverse effect on our monthly utilities budget.

The fixed charge would go from the current \$18 per month to \$48 per month. Gulf Power already has the highest fixed charge of any major utility in the state. For reference, here is a sampling of other fixed charges from around Florida:

- a. Duke Energy - \$8.76
- b. Florida Power & Light Co. - \$7.87
- c. JEA (Jacksonville) - \$5.50
- d. Tallahassee - \$7.41
- e. Gulf Power - \$48.09 (proposed)

This proposed increase is completely out of line with other power companies.

Gulf Power wants to increase its profit (ROE) from 10.5% to 11%. The current national average is around 9%. And while that's potentially good for shareholders, it's terrible for customers.

Sincerely,

Ridlon & Carin Kiphart
7885 White Sands Blvd, Navarre FL 32566
Gulf Power customers