

Collin Roehner

From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 9:45 AM
To: 'Dorinda Lech'
Subject: RE: Proposed Gulf Power rate increase

Good morning Ms. Lech,

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: Dorinda Lech [<mailto:dorinda.lech@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 9:43 AM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Proposed Gulf Power rate increase

To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed increase would negatively impact my household budget obviously along with the many other people who are forced to use Gulf Power as the supplier of our energy needs. It is not like we have a choice in who we do business with. They have a monopoly on the product and we are basically stuck with them. Solar and wind energy are outside the bounds of many household incomes including mine. I walk around in the dark and keep the blinds drawn during the day to keep the house cooler. I also run a window fan whenever the temperatures or weather outside allows. I am on budget billing, don't use the oven, wash clothes on weekends and watch every kilowatt we can in order to save on energy; however, I live in a 65 year old home and there is little more I can do to save. The Gulf Power energy audit is admirable except for one thing, where Does a person come up with the extra money to upgrade windows etc.? I am disabled and my husband thankfully still works. Yes, we pay our bills. We live a small life and every time Gulf Power wants to raise rates in order to satisfy their shareholders and pay their executives, my small life gets smaller. I suggest they find a way to use the large amount of money they now receive in better ways that serve us instead of picking our pockets for their desires and their personal wish lists. I live on a fixed budget and I respectfully suggest that Gulf Power do the same.

Sincerely,
Dorinda E Lech
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