

Collin Roehner

From: Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:30 AM
To: 'Jan Nichols'
Subject: RE: Gulf Power request to raise base rate Docket Number 160186

Good morning Ms. Nichols,

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
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From: Jan Nichols [<mailto:jannichols2000@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:18 AM
To: Records Clerk
Subject: Gulf Power request to raise base rate Docket Number 160186

I am a resident in Milton, Florida who must use Gulf Power as my electricity provider so I have no other choice.

I am a retired school teacher with a limited budget. My increase in funds January 1st, 2017 was \$4.72 from social security. And that was eaten up by my medicare costs for t his year.

To approve a base rate change to \$48 is way out of line with other companies in the state of Florida. I am asking you to consider the number of retirees and medicaid-receiving people in the state who can not afford this kind of increase.

A few years ago, 1000 kwh from Gulf Power during the summer cost me \$100. It is now costing \$150 with all the fuel costs, taxes, special fees, etc. This increase will take it to close to \$200 a month. I really watch energy use (winter setting for heat is 66-68 degrees and 78 degrees cooling in the summer) do not use a lot of power, but it will cost people dearly if this base rate increase is approved.

Please do not allow Gulf Power to hyper-inflate the base rate for electricity.

Sincerely,

Janice L Nichols
5619 Inspiration Street

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