

**Collin Roehner**

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**From:** Collin Roehner on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2017 10:58 AM  
**To:** 'Blaine Sheffield'  
**Subject:** RE: Gulf Power Requested Rate Increase

Good morning Mr. Sheffield,

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:** Blaine Sheffield [<mailto:b.sheffield@cox.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2017 10:52 AM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Gulf Power Requested Rate Increase

William Sheffield  
4383 Stonebridge Road  
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Docket Number 160186

Gulf Power's proposed fixed or base rate increase from what is currently being charged is an increase of over 250%. This proposed amount of \$48.09 is over 5 times the amount of the next highest Utility company in Florida (Duke Energy). For the elderly on fixed income, such as myself, this increase would negatively impact our ability to have funds needed for our basic monthly needs.

I request the Florida Public Service Commission please consider what negative impact on the elderly this increase would force and consider no increase or a minimum of bringing Gulf Power in line with other Florida Utility Company's base rates.