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**From:** Janet Brunson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:07 AM  
**To:** 'gushar@hotmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket 160186-EI - Gulf Power Company

Dear Mr. Harris:

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](http://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,

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**From:** gus harris [<mailto:gushar@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** PSC Media  
**Subject:** Gulf Power proposed rate increase/Escambia County resident

Dear Commission representatives:

The current proposal by Gulf Power Company to raise base rates substantially for consumers is nothing short of corporate greed, and irresponsible environmental behavior. And the figures, real figures, show that it is not in the MOST important interest of this county, state or nation. It actually would discourage homeowners to conserve energy! As stated by GP representatives this increase would benefit the customers who use the "most" energy...and penalize those that conserve. Additionally, it simply is UNFAIR to the consumer. The

public counsel shows in hard figures that not only should they not be allowed to make this increase, but they actually should be making a 2 million dollar decrease based on current facts and figures. This is again nothing more than corporate greed, which when it is instigated by companies that have "monopolies" such as Gulf Power...has even more untold, serious affects on the middle class and the poor. Just as these coal using energy companies tried to get legislation passed in this last election, attempting to totally mislead the voting public with their wording of the bill, this is yet another "slight of hand" for the same egregious purpose. Feed the corporate greed. Alternative energy is our future...and the health and welfare of us all, both economically and otherwise, depends upon smart, prudent and active support to move industries toward alternative energy goals. This rate increase would be a signal of just the very opposite. And this is obviously the power company's way to try and recover the money lost to those already trying to move toward a more intelligent, cost saving, clean environment solution to creating and using power. An approval of such a ridiculous request would not only be unfair to the public constituency, but just plain and simple lack of understanding of the reality of our energy future.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to express my opinion and point of view. While I am sure you will hear from a lot of citizens on this, I can assure you the vast majority opposes this horrendous proposal.

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