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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Diane Hood; Janet Brunson
Subject: FW: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Customer correspondence

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From: Ken Shaffer [<mailto:bluesken2@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Dear Public Service Commission,

I am writing to you as a concerned Gulf Power customer. Their proposed rate hike will lead to sky-high monthly bills that I will have hardly any control over, no matter how thrifty I am with my electricity use. This is not good rate design and I am asking you to reject this proposal. Charges like this hurt hardworking families, those on fixed incomes, and our most vulnerable community members.

Gulf Power already has one of the highest fixed charges in the region, and the country. Their proposed rate hike is unprecedented, unnecessary, and unfair, a scheme to make money off the backs of regular people. There is no justifiable reason to increase the monthly fixed charge to \$48. This increase is not the type of energy policy that we should be working towards in Florida, and I hope that you will reject the proposal.

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