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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 5:02 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Janet Brunson; Diane Hood
Subject: FW: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Customer correspondence

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From: Rory Salmon [<mailto:Rorysalmon@me.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Dear Public Service Commission,

As a concerned customer of Gulf Power, I am writing to ask you to reject the proposed rate hike in Docket 160186-EI. There is no justifiable reason to increase the monthly fixed charge to \$48. This increase is unprecedented and not the type of energy policy that we should be working towards in Florida. Other utility commissions around the country have already rejected similar proposals, and there is no reason for Florida to do differently.

By charging me nearly \$50 every month, regardless of how much electricity I use, this rate hike will effectively punish good behavior! If I chose to invest in energy efficiency or simply be thrifty with how much power I use every month, I will still be hit with a higher bill. Charges like this hurt hardworking families, those on fixed incomes, and our most vulnerable community members. This is not a fair practice; please reject this proposal. It is capitalism and greed at its finest and is truly disturbing and disappointing.

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