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**From:** Angie Calhoun  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:12 AM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Cc:** Janet Brunson; Diane Hood  
**Subject:** FW: To CLK Docket 160186  
**Attachments:** Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase; Reject Gulf Power rate increase; Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase ; Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase ; Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Customer correspondence.

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**From:** Diane Hood  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** Angie Calhoun  
**Subject:** To CLK Docket 160186

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**From:** Nan Thompson <da2000@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 9:12 AM  
**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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**From:** gerald Gates <ret.trooper@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 9:12 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Dear Public Service Commission,  
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. I am writing to ask you to reject this proposed rate hike in Docket 160186-EI.

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. This rate hike effectively punishes good behavior, by forcing me to pay an extraordinarily high monthly charge regardless of how much power I actually use. I already try to be careful about how much electricity I use every month, but this proposal would mean I have even less control over my monthly bill.

In trying economic times, utilities should not be increasing their profits on the backs of already strained customers with unfair rate structures. Please reject this proposal from Gulf Power.

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**From:** Dale Dugas <huskerdj2@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 8:57 AM  
**To:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** Reject Gulf Power rate increase

Florida Public Service Commission,

Please reject Gulf Power's rate increase request.

Gulf Power has been very deceptive in getting this information to their customers. A letter without their logo, without any return address, without any identifying marks except in the small stamp area in very small plain lettering "Gulf Power Company". Many people did not read this letter, they thought it was junk mail. Many people heard of the information through social media, word of mouth and some through the newspaper.

Sad how a company that is a monopoly conducts their business.

They advertise against an ammendment that would help the environment and their customers, then when that passes they come back with a rate increase that will hurt the environment and their customers. Shameful.

They also spend money on advertising. Why does a monopoly need to spend money on advertising? It doesn't need to. This equals more waste.

Gulf Power has the highest base rate in Florida and one of the highest in the country. This 155% base increase is exorbitant. They also say it is supposed to help pay for a power plant that is not even used for Florida customers and won't be used for many years. When else do utility consumers buy something they do not use and may not use in the future? It does not happen, this should not happen. We do not pay for water we do not use. We do not pay for trash service we do not use. We do not pay for sewer service we do not use. Etc. etc.

The Georgia plant is also one of the worst for emissions in the country and the world. This is not something we should be using in this day and age of cleaner energy and renewable resources.

How are people supposed to be able to stretch their money to pay bills. Their raises, Social Security amount are not increasing 155%, or the 6.9% increase the Gulf Power personnel try to say this increase amounts to, people do not get that much extra money in several years, but are expected to pay. What do they give up? Eating, medical needs, no air conditioning in the summer and/or heat in the winter. The Pensacola News Journal recently had an article for one county, for one agency, over 5000 people were asking for assistance to pay their utility bill. That number undoubtedly will go up if you allow this increase to occur.

Please reject Gulf Power's request for an increase in prices.

Thank-you,  
Dale S. Dugas  
Gulf Breeze, Florida

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**From:** linda royal <lindahroyal@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 7:03 AM  
**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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**From:** Cynthia Habayeb <cyndib2b@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 2:49 AM  
**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.

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