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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 10:35 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 ; Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Customer correspondence

From: Diane Hood
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 4:30 PM
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Subject: To CLK Docket 160186

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From: Vera FitzPatrick <vhfitz@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 1:43 PM
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: Eric West <eagleyachts@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 4:14 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.

These public utilities are semi-monopolies. The only way to keep them in line is to make sure that they prove what they say about needing money.

I would suggest that the Public Service Commission go back to Gulf Power and ask them to show where they have cut costs and improved efficiency. I would ask them what the total compensation package is for their upper management. Then I would tell them to reduce their costs before they ask for anything.

My guess is that just one member of their senior management's compensation package is greater than what they are asking for as a rate increase. Maybe they should start there.

Eric West
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