From: Ruth McHargue

Sent:Friday, March 17, 2017 3:20 PMTo:Consumer CorrespondenceCc:Diane Hood; Janet BrunsonSubject:FW: To CLK Docket 160186

Attachments: Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase ; Re Docket # 160186-EI –

Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase; FW PSC Contact Form; Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase; FPSC, 1 page(s); Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please

Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Customer correspondence

From: Diane Hood

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 3:19 PM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: To CLK Docket 160186

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From: Roxanne Jensen <rxnnjensen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 3:48 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Dear Public Service Commission,

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Roxanne Jensen Cherry Laurel Drive Pensacola, FL 32504

From: Benjamin Legaspi

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:16 AM

To: Consumer Contact **Subject:** FW: PSC Contact Form

----Original Message----

From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:37 AM

To: Webmaster

Cc: gulfgreek1@gmail.com
Subject: PSC Contact Form

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:

Name: George Panayiotou

Company:

Primary Phone: (850) 497-1970 Secondary Phone: (251) 379-7071 Email: gulfgreek1@gmail.com

Response requested? No

CC Sent? Yes

Comments:

I am a retired resident of Perdido Key in the Panhandle.

Concerning Gulf Powers "rate restructure" proposal. I strongly urge the PFC to reject the proposal. The proposal is a greedy and outrageous request not justified by any real cost of business increases but rather an indifferent push that affects so many people either on a fixed budget such as retirement as well as low income people. This is a glaring example of a company that is monopolistic and bloated with greed attempting to grab more money than necessary. It obviously has gotten out of hand.

Thank you.

From: PSC Fax Server <Fax@psc.state.fl.us>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 3:00 PM

To: Consumer Contact **Subject:** FPSC , 1 page(s)

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It was sent to 8504136362. The fax is attached to this email, open the attachment to view your fax.

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March 16, 2017

Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket 160186-El

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a retired engineer that worked for companies serving the utility industry and a Gulf Power rate payer as I own a condo in Destin. I oppose the Gulf Power proposed increase in base monthly charge for the reason it further discourages home owners to install solar photovoltaic panels. To me it seems, solar PV installations by home owners offers several benefits:

- Solar PV produces the most power during peak usage periods that flattens the load duration curve for the utility. Less of a need for the utility to supply additional capacity and reserve margin.
- Solar PV production offsets the need for the utility to supply energy with less efficient fossil fueled power plants- most likely with coal.
- Solar PV production is much less harmful to the environment than the additional use of fossil fuels.
- Solar PV installations serve loads on site, that in larger numbers will defer the need for more transmission and distribution lines.

While I understand the need for Gulf Power to earn a fair rate of return for their investment, I don't see why the increase in the base charge is necessary as it raises the bar for the homeowner in making their <u>own</u> investment for their power supply. If increased income for Gulf Power is justified, then raise the rates on <u>consumption</u> both in energy and capacity.

Sincerely, Lay M Cook

Gary M. Cook

2328 Compton Dr.

Plano, TX 75025

972-838-0028

From: Nancy Humphrey <nancybhumphrey@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 11:57 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

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Nancy Humphrey 4231 Reynosa Drive Pensacola, FL 32504 8502065526

From: Lyndsey Welch <Lyndsey.welch28@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:49 PM

To: Consumer Contact

Subject: Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

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Lyndsey Welch 6076 bent pine dr 4128 Orlando, FL 32822 2402168816

From: Earl L. Kerr <earlandsylvia@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 1:50 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 punishes 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.

Earl L. Kerr 2751 Regency Oaks Blvd. R507 Clearwater, FL 33759 727-725-9238