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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 4:44 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Diane Hood
Subject: FW: To CLK Docket 160186

Customer correspondence

From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 4:30 PM
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From: Vincent Hill [<mailto:vinnyhill@cox.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 4:18 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Gulf Power Notice to Customer - Public Review Response

Florida PSC,

Since I live nowhere close to any of the scheduled public events I am sending my input via email and hope it carries merit with any decisions you may make in this matter.

I am astonished Gulf Power is asking for this rate increase. I understand the rates may be lower than 2015 rates. That is a good thing for customers. What I really don't understand is why they are asking for a rate increase when they, themselves, and I quote for their letter to me "Gulf Power's current total residential price (base rate plus clause rates) is lower than it was in 2015, and it will be even lower in January 2017, mainly because of decreased fuel prices."

So I'm to understand they are paying less for fuel cost which logically must increase profit margin, yet they want to increase my cost on top of that to push their profit margin even higher. It is almost laughable when you read this as they merely transition into the next sentence about raising rates as if we are all just too stupid to comprehend the words we just read.

I'm told my rate increase will be approximately 6.9%. How do they arrive at such an astronomically high percentage when there is no rational reason for any rate increase? I strongly suggest PSC provide Gulf Power a lesson in human nature and economics: very small increases on a recurring basis (say annually) are much more tolerated by the customer than a lump sum slap like this one. A company can achieve fair increases over time without giving their customer a black eye.

Next, I depend on you to peel back the onion on Gulf Power's revenue figures and bonuses paid to their executives last year. I hope the PSC will scrutinize this closely. I suspect this would be an area Gulf Power would not like exposed to the general population. These figures must be presented to the citizens who attend any of these scheduled forums. People have a right to know how to make an informed decision based on the actual circumstance.

I **DO NOT** support any rate increase. Natural gas and coal remain very viable and economical sources of fuel. I **DO NOT** wish to subsidize Gulf Powers RNE efforts into unnecessary alternative fuel sources whilst we enjoy an abundance of domestic fuel sources today.

Please feel free to share my views with Gulf Power and any wide audience forum you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

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