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**From:** Ruth McHargue  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2016 3:27 PM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Cc:** Diane Hood; Janet Brunson  
**Subject:** FW: To CLK Docket 160186

Customer correspondence

-----Original Message-----

From: Consumer Contact  
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 9:39 AM  
To: Ruth McHargue  
Subject: To CLK Docket 160186

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-----Original Message-----

From: Florence Stewart [<mailto:stewartfm@bellsouth.net>]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 3:30 PM  
To: Consumer Contact  
Subject: Gulf Power Rate Increase

Today I received in the mail a letter from Gulf Power that they are requesting a number of rate increases, one of which will go into effect in the summer of 2017 if the Florida Public Service Commission allows it. This email is sent to you strongly urging that you deny this request.

I and many millions of my fellow Floridians and Americans are on Social Security, therefore, on a limited, fixed income. May I remind you that for several years Social Security recipients have received no cost of living increase, and this year we are receiving a meager 0.3% increase, and yet everything we have to pay for to survive is going up, whether it be food, clothing, insurance, taxes, etc., just to name a few. If this Gulf Power increase is allowed, they state in their letter, power bills will go up 6.9%, an average of \$10.22 per month. The problem is everything else is going up as well while our income stays the same.

Not only are they requesting this 6.9% increase, but they list a number of other increases that have been proposed. I feel this is excessive. Our problem is that they have their customers "over a barrel" so to speak because there is no alternative for power -- there is only Gulf Power. Please consider the citizens of Florida, especially those retired living on limited income when you make your decision on these Gulf Power proposed increases.

Thank you.

Florence Stewart  
Pace, FL

December 14, 2016

Sent from my iPad