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From: Janet Brunson
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 10:59 AM
To: 'Terry Mace'
Cc: Consumer Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase

Dear Ms. Mace:

Thank you for contacting the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) about Gulf Power Company's (Gulf) rate increase petition. Your correspondence is included in Gulf's rate case docket file (No. 160186-EI) to give Commissioners and staff an opportunity to review and understand your concerns.

Service hearings are scheduled in Pensacola on January 26 and in Panama City on January 27. I encourage you to attend one of the hearings, so that you can directly speak to the Commissioners. All customer comments—written and verbal—become a part of the record and will be reviewed and considered when PSC staff prepares its recommendation to the Commissioners on Gulf's petition.

Gulf's technical hearing before the PSC will be in March in Tallahassee. Witnesses from the utility, the Commission staff, the Office of Public Counsel (representing Gulf customers), and other intervenors in the case will present testimony, introduce exhibits, and be cross-examined before the Commissioners. Commissioners will review Gulf's need for a rate increase, its existing and proposed rate structure, and its ability to provide safe and reliable service.

Commissioners are charged with making sure that Florida's utility companies fulfill their service obligation. In its petition, Gulf based its request on several factors, including transmission projects and replacing and repairing infrastructure. The PSC will ensure that final customer rates reflect only those costs that are prudent and necessary for Gulf to deliver quality electric service.

You can find Gulf rate case information on the PSC's website, www.FloridaPSC.com. Access the Clerk's Office tab, then hit Dockets and type in Docket No. 160186. All case submissions can be found in the Documents Filing Index. If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please call PSC Consumer Assistance at 1-800-342-3552.

Sincerely,

Bev DeMello
Assistant Director

From: Terry Mace [<mailto:mace145@cox.net>]
Sent: Monday, January 02, 2017 6:17 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Gulf Power

Reference the increase of electric rates beginning July 2017

Sir/Ma'am,

Request that Gulf Power be denied the 6.9% increase they are requesting. Considering the cost of living for all senior citizens for 2017, a mere 0.3%, it doesn't anywhere near offset the cost that the electric company wants. If you do the math and what every household pays now at the current rate, Gulf Power should be able to maintain and add to its infrastructure with no problem. If they are paying their employees and CEO's a bonus, maybe cut those out or trim them to 0.3%. Everyone has to do more with less and this has gotten out of control with the utility companies.

Please add my consideration to the others you have received.

Thank you for your time

Yvonne Mace
Crestview, Florida