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From:Janet BrunsonSent:Friday, January 20, 2017 10:42 AMTo:'Howard LeCain'Cc:Consumer CorrespondenceSubject:FW: Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase Request

Disregard the previous e-mail and replace with this one. The letters used in the Docket No was Ws and have been replaced with the right one which is El

-----Original Message-----From: Janet Brunson Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 10:35 AM To: 'Howard LeCain' Cc: Consumer Correspondence Subject: Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase Request

Dear Mr. LeCain:

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, <u>www.FloridaPSC.com</u>. 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 -----Original Message-----From: Howard LeCain [mailto:wavehobbit@yahoo.com] Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 12:50 PM To: Consumer Contact Subject: Gulf Power - Notice to Customers/Base Rate Price Hike

To All Concerned Parties,

I would have absolutely no problem with the rate hike for improvements in infrastructure if a significant portion was being allotted for solar power. Instead lobbyist have succeeded once again over the long term needs of the people of this State to provide a sustainable clean energy for our children. I will not use this email to go through a lengthy edification on the downsides of natural gas and coal.

I would of thought you would of taken notice of the recent overwhelming failure of the SOLAR Amendment which was nothing more than old crony politics as usual.

Try listening to the residents of the State for once. I would be a refreshing change.

Warmest Regards,

Howard S. LeCain Jr. CWO Retired, USCG Life Long Florida Resident