## **Collin Roehner**

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Janet Brunson Monday, January 23, 2017 11:44 AM 'dillybopsmomma@gmail.com' Consumer Correspondence Docket No. 160186-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase Request

Dear Ms. Jarrell:

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

From: Elizabeth Jarrell [mailto:dillybopsmomma@gmail.com] Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 10:59 AM To: Records Clerk Subject: docket number 160186 NO Gulf Power increase

Dear Ms. Carlotta Stauffer,

I am a 50 yr old military veteran and single mother to one child and barely making ends meet with 2 jobs. I have worked since I was 14 yrs old and paid my taxes and because of my struggles, I was recently granted \$16 per month in food assistance. That is one of the biggest slaps in my face that I have ever had and now, I get notice GP is trying to raise the cost of electricity.

I am begging you to please do not allow Gulf Power to increase the cost of electricity. I can barely pay my monthly bill that ranges close to \$200 because of how hot it is outside year round and I need to keep a roof over our heads.

I'd appreciate you being a voice for all of the people working for a living, being knocked to our knees struggling to live in this world.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Jarrell Pensacola region