

**Collin Roehner**

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**From:** Collin Roehner  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:33 AM  
**To:** 'Steven White'  
**Subject:** RE: Gulf Power Company Rate Case

Good morning Mr. White,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160186-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Steven White [<mailto:nevetsw73@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:19 PM  
**To:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Cc:** Janet Brunson  
**Subject:** Gulf Power Company Rate Case

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing to you in regards to your consideration of the requested rate increase by Gulf Power which you will deliberate tomorrow. I respectfully request that this request not be granted. Gulf Power has indicated slower than projected customer growth rates and a drop in average per customer power consumption as the main impetus behind their rate increase request in order to provide adequate return on its investments.

However, the continued decrease in per customer power consumption and persisting slower than projected customer growth would seem to indicate that the level of investments into the system to insure adequate power supply would correspondingly decrease as well.

While Gulf Power has touted that its customers have recently seen the largest ever rate decreases this is due only to the currently historically low costs of fuel, which Gulf Power also benefits from. I can assure you that my power bills over the last 16 year that I have lived in Northwest Florida have only continued to climb.

I respectfully ask that you deny the current rate increase placed before you and ask Gulf Power, and its parent company, Southern Company, to make the same type of hard decisions that any of the residents in Northwest Florida are faced to make when a budgetary shortfall is experienced. We aren't simply able to require our employers to pay us more, and Gulf Power shouldn't be allowed to operate in this manner either.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Steven White