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**From:** Janet Brunson  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 9:52 AM  
**To:** 'ryan henry'  
**Cc:** Consumer Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 180168-EI - Gulf Power Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Henry:

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.

January service hearings were held in Pensacola and Panama City. 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](http://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

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

From: ryan henry [<mailto:ryanhenny5@me.com>]  
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:55 PM  
To: Consumer Contact  
Cc: ryan henry  
Subject: gulf power

i am contacting you to strongly object to any increase proposed by Gulf Power

I am retired like large percentage of customers who are just scraping by on social security

SS has not given out any increase 2015 or 2016 and only .03% for 2017 and has reduced medicare benefits putting us in the red and not able to pay our medical.

In the last few years natural gas has fallen to the lowest price in decades, natural gas is the cleanest cheapest fuel for power.

1— their customers received virtually no increase to their income for years.

2— gulf power has made a fortune from cheap power only to line the pockets of those in control of this tightly held CO. Good mgt would have put this in reserves for future improvements

3— their contention that natural gas is going to have giant increase is pure speculation, most analysts expect the over supply of oil and gas to last for at least 3 more years.

4— no one can even buy shares in this private consortium so they can have a say in what goes on it is a small group of people who are controlling millions of lives, life's basic needs should be a public utilities co owned by the public.

thank you for allowing us to file our views

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