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Subject: Gulf Power proposed rate increase/Escambia County resident

Dear Commission representatives:

The current proposal by Gulf Power Company to raise base rates substantially for consumers is nothing short of corporate greed, and irresponsible environmental behavior. And the figures, real figures, show that it is not in the MOST important interest of this county, state or nation. It actually would discourage homeowners to conserve energy! As stated by GP representatives this increase would benefit the customers who use the "most" energy...and penalize those that conserve. Additionally, it simply is UNFAIR to the consumer. The public counsel shows in hard figures that not only should they not be allowed to make this increase, but they actually should be making a 2 million dollar decrease based on current facts and figures. This is again nothing more than corporate greed, which when it is instigated by companies that have "monopolies" such as Gulf Power...has even more untold, serious affects on the middle class and the poor. Just as these coal using energy companies tried to get legislation passed in this last election, attempting to totally mislead the voting public with their wording of the bill, this is yet another "slight of hand" for the same egregious purpose. Feed the corporate greed. Alternative energy is our future...and the health and welfare of us all, both economically and otherwise, depends upon smart, prudent and active support to move industries toward alternative energy goals. This rate increase would be a signal of just the very opposite. And this is obviously the power company's way to try and recover the money lost to those already trying to move toward a more intelligent, cost saving, clean environment solution to creating and using power. An approval of such a ridiculous request would not only be unfair to the public constituency, but just plain and simple lack of understanding of the reality of our energy future.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to express my opinion and point of view. While I am sure you will hear from a lot of citizens on this, I can assure you the vast majority opposes this horrendous proposal.

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