From: Ruth McHargue

**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2017 12:53 PM

To:Consumer CorrespondenceCc:Janet Brunson; Diane HoodSubject:FW: To CLK Docket 160186

Attachments: Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase ; Re Docket # 160186-EI –

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# Customer correspondence

From: Angie Calhoun

Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 9:28 AM

To: Ruth McHargue

Subject: To CLK Docket 160186

Customer correspondence

From: Theresa Finkbeiner <Martytheresa@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:49 PM

**To:** Consumer Contact

**Subject:** Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

#### Dear Public Service Commission,

I am writing to you as a concerned Gulf Power customer. Their proposed rate hike will lead to sky-high monthly bills that I will have hardly any control over, no matter how thrifty I am with my electricity use. This is not good rate design and I am asking you to reject this proposal. Charges like this hurt hardworking families, those on fixed incomes, and our most vulnerable community members.

Gulf Power already has one of the highest fixed charges in the region, and the country. Their proposed rate hike is unprecedented, unnecessary, and unfair, a scheme to make money off the backs of regular people. There is no justifiable reason to increase the monthly fixed charge to \$48. This increase is not the type of energy policy that we should be working towards in Florida, and I hope that you will reject the proposal.

Theresa Finkbeiner 1921 escambia ave Pensacola, FL 32503

From: Douglas Rupp <dougrupp59@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:41 PM

**To:** Consumer Contact

**Subject:** Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

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Gulf Power already has one of the highest fixed charges in the region, and the country. Their proposed rate hike is unprecedented, unnecessary, and unfair, a scheme to make money off the backs of regular people. There is no justifiable reason to increase the monthly fixed charge to \$48. This increase is not the type of energy policy that we should be working towards in Florida, and I hope that you will reject the proposal. Thank You

Douglas Rupp 6212 Louise St. Milton, FL 32570 8502251159

From: Diane Pitts <midpitts@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:39 PM

**To:** Consumer Contact

**Subject:** Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

#### Dear Public Service Commission,

Gulf Power already has one of the highest fixed charges in the region, and the country. Their proposed rate hike is unprecedented, unnecessary, and unfair. I am writing to ask you to reject this proposed rate hike in Docket 160186-EI.

There is no justifiable reason to increase the monthly fixed charge to \$48. This increase is not the type of energy policy that we should be working towards in Florida. This rate hike effectively punishes good behavior, by forcing me to pay an extraordinarily high monthly charge regardless of how much power I actually use. I already try to be careful about how much electricity I use every month, but this proposal would mean I have even less control over my monthly bill.

In trying economic times, utilities should not be increasing their profits on the backs of already strained customers with unfair rate structures. Please reject this proposal from Gulf Power.

Diane Pitts 1264 Mazurek Blvd Pensacola, FL 32514

From: James Miller <Damessmiller@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:25 PM

**To:** Consumer Contact

**Subject:** Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

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James Miller 3921 N 10th Ave. Pensacola, FL 32503

From: Alvin Peters <Alvinpeters@knology.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:57 PM

**To:** Consumer Contact

**Subject:** Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Dear Public Service Commission,

As a concerned customer of Gulf Power, I am writing to ask you to reject the proposed rate hike in Docket 160186-EI. There is no justifiable reason to increase the monthly fixed charge to \$48. This increase is unprecedented and not the type of energy policy that we should be working towards in Florida. Other utility commissions around the country have already rejected similar proposals, and there is no reason for Florida to do differently.

By charging me nearly \$50 every month, regardless of how much electricity I use, this rate hike will effectively punishes good behavior! If I chose to invest in energy efficiency or simply be thrifty with how much power I use every month, I will still be hit with a higher bill. Charges like this hurt hardworking families, those on fixed incomes, and our most vulnerable community members. This is not a fair practice; please reject this proposal.

Alvin Peters 512 Bunkers Cove Rd Panama City, FL 32401 850-769-7825