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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Diane Hood; Janet Brunson
Subject: FW: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Customer correspondence

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

From: Sharon Mills [<mailto:sharonkaymills@aol.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 3:48 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.

This is personally a serious issue for me because I purchased a duplex and turned it into a home for my family (we live in both sides), and because we cannot afford to have someone connect all the electricity together we still have two meters so I've been forced to have two accounts and pay two base fees- this would not be fair to me at all and would increase my bill by \$64 a month. Please do not do this. I am an addiction counselor with a disabled son and I only make \$31000 a year.

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