

Ashley Quick

From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Janet Brunson; Diane Hood
Subject: FW: To CLK Docket 160186
Attachments: FW PSC Contact Form; Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase ; Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase; Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase ; Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

Customer correspondence

From: Diane Hood
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: To CLK Docket 160186

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From: Benjamin Legaspi
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 8:54 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: PSC Contact Form

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

From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [<mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:01 PM
To: Webmaster
Cc: mercerjunk@comcast.net
Subject: PSC Contact Form

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:
Name: George Mercer
Company: Gulf Power Company
Primary Phone:
Secondary Phone:
Email: mercerjunk@comcast.net

Response requested? No
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:
PSC,

In reference to Gulf Power Company's rate increase request, I respectfully request you deny their request based on their already high rates.

By approving their request, those on fixed incomes such as myself (retired military) are forced to sacrifice other budgeted items to pay for what is already the highest utility item that we have no choice but to pay. I have attempted to reduce usage by cutting off lights and items not in use and, because of my efforts, I now am in danger of having my rates increased to compensate for their loss of income.

If Gulf Power Company had competition for the purchase of electricity, a homeowner would have the choice to stay with Gulf Power or move to a competitor, but as is we consumers are required to bear their rate increases.

I ask you to think of the citizens that are serviced by Gulf Power Company and understand many do not receive sizeable retirement income increases and find it increasingly difficult to meet the requirements to live comfortably that they've worked so hard for so long to do.

Thank you,

George Mercer
523 S Gay Avenue

Callaway, FL 32404

Ashley Quick

From: Megan Bishop <deepaquaseaglass@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:04 AM
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 punish 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.

I am someone who is already living on a very structured budget and this increase will complicate meeting all my financial responsibilities. Thank you for taking the time to read this and acknowledging the complications the increase will cause to many people.

- Megan L. Bishop

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From: Jada Stephens <Jrs1ne@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:08 AM
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.

Jada Stephens
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8502765705

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From: Celeste Blake <13overcome@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:00 AM
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.

Celeste Blake
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Ashley Quick

From: Jeanne Blake <blakemomof9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Re: Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase

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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.

thank you for your time

Ms. Blake

Jeanne Blake
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