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From: Angie Calhoun
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 4:26 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence
Cc: Janet Brunson; Diane Hood
Subject: FW: To CLK Docket 160186
Attachments: Re Docket # 160186-EI – Please Reject Fixed Charge Increase ; Gulf Power rate increase;
FW PSC Contact Form

Customer correspondence.

From: Diane Hood
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 4:24 PM
To: Angie Calhoun
Subject: To CLK Docket 160186

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From: Benjamin Legaspi
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: PSC Contact Form

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

From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [<mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us>]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 11:05 AM
To: Webmaster
Cc: Send2bill@aol.com
Subject: PSC Contact Form

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:

Name: Bill Calfee
Company: Gulf Power Crist Plant retiree Primary Phone: (850) 501-1125 Secondary Phone: (850) 501-1125
Email: Send2bill@aol.com

Response requested? No

CC Sent? Yes

Comments:

RE: Docket 160186

I'm against Gulf Power (GP) raising base rates 167% to \$48/month. My electric bill last month was \$66 on a 2,000 sq. ft. house and what incentive do I have to keep doing energy upgrades, including adding to my existing solar panels? Solar panel output adds value to GP in several ways and does NOT add to their overall grid cost: GP's major reason is that non-solar customers will have to subsidize other solar customers to maintain the grid which, IS NOT so.

Consider:

(1) Solar reduces GP's "avoided cost." Avoided cost is the cost the utility would have incurred had it supplied the power itself or obtained it from another source. The most expensive power for GP to generate is during the summer months at which time solar customers are providing energy to the grid to reduce overall grid demand. Consider: A review of 11 net metering studies by Environment America Research and Policy Center has found, "...that distributed solar offers net benefits to the entire electric grid through reduced capital investment costs, avoided energy costs, and reduced environmental compliance costs. Eight of the 11 studies found the value of solar energy to be higher than the average local residential retail electricity rate: The median value of solar power across all 11 studies was nearly 17 cents per unit, compared to the nation's average retail electricity rate of about 12 cents per unit." Other studies have valued solar energy at 33 cents per unit.

(2) While calculating the "value of solar" is complex and location-dependent, a "value of solar" approach would credit solar owners for (a) avoiding the purchase of energy from other, polluting sources; (b) avoiding the need to build additional power plant capacity to meet peak energy needs; (c) providing energy for decades at a fixed price; and (d) reducing wear and tear (cycling magnitudes) on the electric grid.

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From: Crystal Williamson <crystal@pensacolarealtymasters.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Gulf Power rate increase

Importance: High

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a resident of Pensacola, Escambia County, one of the poorest counties within the state of Florida. I just want to let the PSC know how Gulf Power conducted themselves when implementing the required notifications to the effected customers. They mailed a complicated notice in a plain envelope that did not bear the Gulf Power trademark and return address. I happened to open it because it was bare of any information on the outside. Most of my neighbors and friends immediately threw the envelope away thinking it was junk mail. I strongly feel Gulf Power did that on purpose in order to reduce the citizen turn-out at the local hearing. Also, I didn't receive the mailing until a day or two before the scheduled meeting, which was another method for reducing the citizen numbers.

This morning WEAR TV reported the proposed increase, giving an example that if your bill was, say, \$18, then it would increase to \$41. The payment increase was not represented in that fashion within the notification. As a matter of fact, the explanation provided in the notice was so complicated and convoluted it was impossible to apply it practically to a current bill. I still possess the notification should anyone from your office be interested.

Please do not approve this increase. People in this county have a difficult enough time paying their monthly electric bills. Why would they cut their nose off to spite their face? If this increase happens there will be an enormous increase of past due balances and cut-offs. There will also be an increase in the number of poor seeking financial assistance from local social assistance organizations.

Crystal G. Williamson

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(3) If you have three cars and one gets 10 mpg and the others get 20+ mpg, you're going to use the most efficient one's first. Electrical generators are dispatched in order of lower cost first, to meet load. The dispatch considers many parameters, including fuel cost, power plant efficiency, plant availability, power plant startup times, and environmental restrictions. During the peak loads in the summer months, GP has to use all the cars (including inefficient generators) to meet high-load summertime demands. Summer loads become the most expensive power to produce, hence their "Good Cents Select" type incentive programs to get customers to use their power during "off-peak" (evenings and nights) load times. During peak loads, GP has to periodically buy expensive power from other utilities to meet this high customer demand. Solar customers mitigate demand, add stability, and helps GP avoid high cost during these peak load demands.

Wouldn't these higher minimum rates discourage moving to GP's service area and ultimately reduce GP's overall customer base? Currently, according to GP, their customer base is increasing, but the overall energy demand from each customer is declining, due to an increase in personal conservation, government incentives, and energy efficient appliances.

In conclusion, solar customers reduce GP's overall cost and DO NOT cause non-solar customers to have to pay more to support the electrical grid, as GP suggest. GP should reconsider raising rates to \$48/mo. based on these arguments.

Thanks for your consideration.

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From: PAt reynolds <allmyscrapmail@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 11:21 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.

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