

**Sandra Soto**

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**From:** Sandra Soto on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 9:16 AM  
**To:** 'Tony A'; Records Clerk  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Gulf Power Proposed Rate Increase

Good morning Mr. Abad:

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 160186-EI and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Sandra Soto  
Commission Deputy Clerk I  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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**From:** Tony A [<mailto:tony91950@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 21, 2017 3:41 PM  
**To:** Records Clerk  
**Subject:** Gulf Power Proposed Rate Increase

To:  
Ms. Carlotta Stauffer  
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Florida Public Service Commission  
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Our names are Antonio C & Mae R Abad, who lived at 5130 Wheeler Way, Pensacola, FL 32526-4442. **Docket Number 160186**

I'm a 30-years Navy Veteran and 15-years GS-12 retiree from the Department of Veterans Affairs, with a total of 45-years of military and civilian service.

We are writing this letter to oppose the proposed rate increase for the Gulf Power company before the Florida Public Service Commission. Here is our testimony before the commission:

"The Gulf Power proposed rate increase is unconscionable to us older Floridians. We are the voting block of this great state and would pay back politicians in office by removing them from their elected political positions by **not** reelecting them in the coming November 2018 election.

The rate increase would elevate the fixed charge portion of our bill, which is the amount that ratepayers pay regardless of whether they use any electricity, or not. That fixed charge would go from \$18 per month to \$48 per month. "That's insane."

Gulf Power already has the highest fixed rate charge of any major utility in this state already. A **155 percent increase** to the monthly customer charge is outrageous. It gives customers less control over their electricity spending by making more of the bill fixed.

If approved, this rate increase would give Gulf Power a rate of return of 11 percent, which is out of line with what other utilities receive around the nation.

We hope the Florida Public Service Commission will consider the impact of this rate increase to consumers of all ages, but most especially to us older folks, and other consumers who can only dream of getting this kind of return to our hard-won savings, if any.

Very Respectfully,

Antonio C Abad  
HMCM (SW/FMF), USN, Retired