# FILED 5/28/2021 DOCUMENT NO. 04358-2021 FPSC - COMMISSION CLERK



May 28, 2021

Mr. Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 20210000 – Gulf Power Company's COVID-19 Customer Impact Data Report

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for electronic filing is Gulf Power Company's COVID-19 Customer Impact Data Report for the month of April 2021.

Sincerely,

Ruport & Hume -

Richard Hume Regulatory Issues Manager

md

Attachments

cc: Gulf Power Company Russell Badders, Esq., VP & Associate General Counsel Florida Public Service Commission Shaw Stiller, Office of General Counsel

Gulf Power Company

Utility: Gulf Power Company

### Reporting Month: April 2021

The report should include data as of the last day of reporting month

and is due by the last day of the following month

Delinquent Accounts <sup>1</sup>			
Number of Accounts 60 -89 days past due	<b>Reporting Month</b>	Prior Year Month <sup>2</sup>	
Residential	4,204	15,595	
Commercial / Industrial	429	1,421	
Number of Accounts 90+ days past due	Reporting Month	<b>Prior Year Month</b> <sup>2</sup>	
Residential	6,465	10,130	
Commercial / Industrial	672	825	

<sup>1</sup> Unique active accounts with age categorization by age of the account's oldest arrears balance (e.g., if an account has a 30, 60, and 90+ arrears balance, the account will show only once and in the 90+ category).

<sup>2</sup> Prior year month reflects the COVID-19 impact to delinquent accounts resulting from financial hardship coupled with suspension of collections in response to the pandemic.

Amount in Arrears <sup>3</sup>				
Amount 60 -89 days past due		<b>Reporting Month</b>		<b>Prior Year Month</b> <sup>4</sup>
Residential	\$	1,163,713	\$	4,280,465
Commercial / Industrial	\$	717,169	\$	1,014,058
Amount 90+ days past due		<b>Reporting Month</b>		<b>Prior Year Month</b> <sup>4</sup>
Residential	\$	3,784,953	\$	2,052,189
Commercial / Industrial	\$	1,091,199	\$	342,791

<sup>3</sup> Total active arrear balances are based on the aging of the arrears (e.g., a 90+ account in the "delinquent account" section can have balances showing in both the 60-89 aging category and the 90+ aging category).

<sup>4</sup> Prior year month reflects the COVID-19 impact to receivables resulting from financial hardship coupled with suspension of collections in response to the pandemic.

Payment Arrangements			
Number of Payment Arrangements <sup>5</sup>	<b>Reporting Month</b>	March 2020 through Current (cumulative)	
Residential	3,103	80,801	
Commercial / Industrial	99	1,580	
Average Duration of Payment Arrangement <sup>6</sup>	<b>Reporting Month</b>		
Residential	58		
Commercial / Industrial	67		
Percent of Customers Under a Payment Arrangement <sup>7</sup>	<b>Reporting Month</b>		
Residential <sup>8</sup>	1.45%		
Commercial / Industrial <sup>9</sup>	0.33%		

<sup>5</sup> Total payment arrangements granted through all channels during the reporting month and cumulative.

<sup>6</sup> Average duration in days of total payment arrangements granted through all channels.

<sup>7</sup> All active payment arrangements as of the final day of the reporting month divided by the number of active accounts.

<sup>8</sup> Number of residential customers under a payment arrangement/total number of residential customers.

<sup>9</sup> Number of commercial-industrial customers under a payment arrangement/total number of commercial-industrial customers.

Bad Debt <sup>10</sup>			
Incremental Bad Debt		Reporting Month	March 2020 through Current (cumulative)
Incremental Bad Debt <sup>11,12</sup>	\$	(286,852)	\$ 16,584,627

<sup>10</sup> Total Bad Debt for the reporting period less the three-year average for the same time period

<sup>11</sup> Difference between reporting month and the average of the same month for the prior three years; excluding any prior months that were impacted by named hurricanes. For April 2021 reporting month, the historical average excludes April 2020 due to collection suspension in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<sup>12</sup> The April 2021 reporting month variance of (\$287K) reflects the prior pandemic write-off accrual reversal against the better than expected economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Late Fees <sup>13</sup>			
Number of Assessed Late Fees	Reporting Month	Prior Year Month	
Residential	n/a	n/a	
Commercial / Industrial	n/a	n/a	

<sup>13</sup> Gulf Power does not assess late fees.

Discontinuance of Service			
Number of Accounts who received a Notice of Discontinuance			
of Service	<b>Reporting Month</b>	Prior Year Month <sup>15</sup>	
Residential	49,628	0	
Commercial / Industrial	3,064	0	
Number of Accounts Disconnected from Service	<b>Reporting Month</b>	Prior Year Month <sup>15</sup>	
Residential	5,274	0	
Commercial / Industrial	184	0	
Number of Accounts Reconnected to Service <sup>14</sup>	<b>Reporting Month</b>	Prior Year Month <sup>15</sup>	
Residential	4,450	0	
Commercial / Industrial	126	0	

<sup>14</sup> Data reflects the number of accounts that had been disconnected during the Current Month but were reconnected. Accounts not reconnected are either closed at the customer request or the account is closed by Gulf if no action is taken by the customer within five billing cycle days (for the Prior Year Month) following a disconnection.

<sup>15</sup> Prior year month reflects the suspension of collections in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Customer Communications			
Communications	<b>Reporting Month</b>	March 2020 through Current (cumulative)	
Customer-wide COVID-related mass communications (paper, email, phone calls, social media, etc.) <sup>16</sup>	17	91	
Targeted Covid-related communications to individual customers (paper, email, phone calls, text, etc.) <sup>17</sup>	0	665,299	

<sup>16</sup> Instances of mass communication to customers resulting from COVID-19 (e.g., social media, news releases, etc.)

<sup>17</sup> Volume of incremental individual customer communication outside of mass communication (e.g., outbound calls, emails, letters)

## **Customer Communications**

Please provide samples of any new communication/media notices provided to customers concerning the utility's past-due accounts / payment arrangements / late payment waivers / disconnection / reconnection policies issued within the last 30-days.

Please see attached.

In the past 30-days, has the utility made changes to, or implemented new, policies related to past-due accounts / payment arrangements / late payment waivers / disconnection / reconnection? If so, please explain.

No policy updates in May 2021.

# **Gulf Power Company (Gulf)**

Undocketed – Financial impacts on utility customers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

Samples of Current Communications/Media Notices

# **Gulf's Customer Communications**



Amount of your last bill Payment(s) received - thank y	rou	108.93 –108.93
Balance before new charges		\$0.00
<b>New Charges</b> Rate: RS - RS Residential Ser	vice	
Base charge Energy charge Fuel charge Electric service charges	(639 kWh at \$0.08649) (639 kWh at \$0.03070)	19.20 55.27 19.62 \$94.09
Gross receipts tax Franchise charge Utility tax Taxes and charges		2.41 5.94 8.64 \$16.99
Total new charges Total amount you owe		\$111.08 <b>\$111.08</b>

#### **METER SUMMARY**

Meter reading - Meter XXXX. Next meter reading May 10, 2021

Usage type	Current	-	Previous	= Usage
kWh	8485		7846	639

## **ENERGY USE COMPARISON**

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
Service to	Apr 8, 2021	Mar 9, 2021	Apr 8, 2020
kWh used	639	629	734
Service days	30	29	29
kWh/day	21	22	25
Amount	\$111.08	\$108.93	\$123.72

### **Taking inventory**

We need to take inventory of our poles on the grid every 5 years. You may see our contractor, Davey Resource Group, in your area doing this.

#### Learn more

#### Save energy and money

Use the Energy Checkup tool to find personalized recommendations and savings tips.

Start Saving

### We are here to help

If you are experiencing hardship as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and need help with your bill, there are resources available.

.....

\_earn more

When you pay by check, you authorize Gulf Power to process your payment electronically or as a draft. If your payment is processed electronically, your checking account may be debited on the same day we receive the check and your check will not be returned with your checking account statement.

.....

Gulf Power does not agree to any restrictions, conditions or endorsements placed on any bill statement or payments such as check, money order or other forms of payment. We will process the payment as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

# **Gulf's Social Media**

# Gulf Power Facebook posts - April, 2021



## Posted nine times.

Quif Power Company April 7 • @

\*\*\*

Families in financial crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sudden unemployment or other unforeseen hardships need help with their monthly energy bills more than ever. Project SHARE funds are distributed through The Salvation Army across Northwest Florida. http://www.gulfpower.com/share.



Posted three times.

# Gulf Power Twitter posts - April, 2021



Posted eight times.



Posted three times.