BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Environmental cost recovery clause.

DOCKET NO. 130007-EI ORDER NO. PSC-13-0483-CFO-EI ISSUED: October 15, 2013

ORDER GRANTING_FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENT NO. 03519-13 X-REF. 03139-13

On June 24, 2013, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL or Company) filed a request for confidential classification (Request) of certain material produced to the Commission staff pursuant to Audit Control No. 13-015-4-1 (Audit). FPL asserts that the confidential information in the documents is intended to be private, is treated as private, and its confidentiality has been maintained. FPL requests that the Commission grant confidential classification for the identified information for a period of 18 months from the date of the issuance of this Order, pursuant to Section 366.093(4), Florida Statutes.

Request for Confidential Classification

Section 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that "any records received by the Commission which are shown and found by the Commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shell be exempt from Section 119.07(1) [the Public Records Act]." Pursuant to Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes, proprietary confidential business information includes information that is intended to be and is treated by the company as private, in that disclosure of the information would cause harm to the company's ratepayers or business operations, and has not been voluntarily disclosed to the public. Confidential business information includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- "Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms."
- "Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information." *Id* at (d)-(e).

FPL contends that the information, described with specific justification in Exhibit C of its Request, is intended to be, and is treated by FPL as private and that its confidentiality has been maintained. The information is generally described as related to a) bids or other contractual data, b) the competitive interests of FPL, Georgia Power and or their vendors, and c) compensation. The Company asserts that disclosure of the information will harm competitive interests and the

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ability to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. Thus, FPL asserts that the information is entitled to confidential classification pursuant to Section 366.093(d)-(e), Florida Statutes.

Ruling

Upon review, I find that the information identified in Document No. 03519-13 (x-ref. 03139-13), as more specifically described in Exhibit C of the Request, is treated by the Company as confidential, has not otherwise been disclosed, and is contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the Company to contract for goods or services on favorable terms, or competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.¹ I find that disclosure of the identified information would impair either a) the ability to contract for goods or services on favorable terms, or b) the competitive business of FPL, Georgia Power or their vendors. Thus, the information shall be granted confidential classification pursuant to Section 366.093(3), F.S.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Eduardo E. Balbis, as Prehearing Officer, that Florida Power & Light Company's Request for Confidential Classification information contained in Document No. 03519-13 (x-ref. 03139-13), as detailed in Exhibit C of its June 24, 2013 Request, is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 03519-13 for which confidential classification has been granted shall remain protected from disclosure for a period of 18 months from the date of issuance of this Order. At the conclusion of the 18-month period, the confidential information will no longer be exempt from Section 119.07(1), F.S., unless Florida Power & Light Company or another affected person shows, and the Commission finds, that the records continue to contain proprietary confidential business information. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall be the only notification by the Commission to the parties of the date of declassification of the materials discussed herein.

¹ Although FPL identifies compensation separately, its justification for confidential classification of the identified information is based upon an assertion that disclosure of the information would impair its efforts to contract and impair its competitive interests.

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By ORDER of Commissioner Eduardo E. Balbis, as Prehearing Officer, this <u>15th</u> day of <u>October</u>, <u>2013</u>.

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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.