

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery
clause with generating performance incentive
factor.

DOCKET NO. 150001-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-15-0263-CFO-EI
ISSUED: July 2, 2015

ORDER GRANTING TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
(DOCUMENT NO. 01900-15 X-REF. 01909-15, 01395-14)

On April 7, 2015, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a Request for Confidential Classification (Request) of certain information contained on pages 11 and 13 of TECO's 2014 Hedging Activity True-Up Report (Report), Exhibit No. (JBC-1) of J. Brent Caldwell's testimony (Document No. 01900-15, x-ref. 01909-15, 01395-14). Order No. PSC-14-0516-CFO-EI, issued on September 26, 2014, previously granted TECO's request for confidentiality of this same information.

Request for Confidential Classification

TECO contends that nothing has changed since the issuance of Order No. PSC-14-0516-CFO-EI to render the information stale nor has TECO made the information public and, therefore, the information contained on pages 11 and 13 of TECO's 2014 Hedging Activity True-Up Report continues to be proprietary confidential business information within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.

TECO states that this information contains TECO's current purchasing strategy, with respect to fuel, purchased power, and its risk exposure, and should continue to be protected by Section 366.093(3)(d), F.S. In addition, TECO contends that this information continues to relate to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of TECO, its affiliates, or its vendors and should continue to be protected pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(e), F.S. This is true because if this information is made available to TECO's fuel and wholesale electric power suppliers, they would be able to manipulate the market in anticipation of TECO's entry into the market thereby increasing the price of fuel and purchased power for TECO's ratepayers. TECO finally states that confidentiality should be granted for a period of three years. This is because the various risk management strategies employed build upon each other and disclosing the company's basic plan sooner than three years would reveal the bulk of the company's strategies to the detriment of TECO and its ratepayers.

Ruling

Section 366.093(1), F.S., provides that records the Commission has found to contain proprietary business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from Chapter 119, F.S. Section 366.093(3), F.S., defines proprietary confidential business information as 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. Section 366.093(3), F.S., provides that proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to:

(d) 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.

(e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.

Upon review, it appears the above-referenced information continues to satisfy the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information described above appears to be information concerning TECO's current purchasing strategy and its competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of TECO or its affiliates or its vendors. Thus, the information identified in Document No. 01900-15, x-ref. 01909-15, 01395-14, shall continue to be granted confidential classification.

Pursuant to Section 366.093(4), F.S., the information for which confidential classification is granted herein shall remain protected from disclosure for a period of up to 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 TECO or another affected person shows, and the Commission finds, that the records continue to contain proprietary confidential business information. TECO has provided sufficient information concerning the harm which could arise from not protecting this information for a minimum of three years. Accordingly, the information identified in Document No. 01900-15, x-ref. 01909-15, 01395-14, shall be granted confidential classification for a period of three years from the issuance of this Order.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED by Chairman Art Graham, as Prehearing Officer, that Tampa Electric Company's Request for Extension of Confidential Classification of Document No. 01900-15, x-ref. 01909-15, 01395-14, is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 01900-15, x-ref. 01909-15, 01395-14, for which confidential classification has been granted, shall remain protected from disclosure for a period of up to 36 months from the date of issuance of this Order. 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.

By ORDER of Chairman Art Graham, as Presiding Officer, this 2nd day of July, 2015.


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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.