

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Gulf Power Company's request for confidential classification for the earnings surveillance report, supplemental filing for December 2015.

DOCKET NO. 160042-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-16-0122-CFO-EI
ISSUED: March 21, 2016

ORDER GRANTING GULF POWER COMPANY INC.'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION (DOCUMENT NO. 00842-16)

On February 15, 2016, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Gulf Power Company Inc. (Gulf) filed a Request for Confidential Classification (Request) of documents contained in the December 2015 supplements for Gulf Power Company's Earnings Surveillance Report. Specifically, it seeks confidential classification of Document No. 00842-16.

Request for Confidential Classification

Gulf asserts that Document No. 00842-16 contains information, which is more specifically described in the justification table in Exhibit C of its Request, that constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. The justification table provides support for confidential classification of the information in each section of Document No. 00842-16 on a line-by-line, column-by-column basis. Gulf asserts that this information is intended to be and is treated by Gulf as confidential and has not been publicly disclosed.

Gulf contends that Document No. 00842-16 contains information concerning contractual data, the disclosure of which could impair its efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. Gulf asserts this information is protected and is exempt from disclosure under Section 366.093(3)(d), F.S.

In addition, Gulf contends that Document No. 00842-16 contains information relating to competitive interests, and the disclosure of such information would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information. Gulf asserts this information is protected and is exempt from disclosure under Section 366.093(3)(e), F.S.

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 that the information described above satisfies the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information described above and in Exhibit C to Gulf's Request appears to be information concerning 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, and information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information. Thus, the information identified in Document No. 00842-16 shall 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 Gulf or another affected person shows, and the Commission finds, that the records continue to contain proprietary confidential business information.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Jimmy Patronis, as Prehearing Officer, that Gulf Power Company, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification of information contained in Document No. 00842-16 is granted, as set forth herein. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document Number 00842-16, for which confidential classification has been granted, shall remain protected from disclosure for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date 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. It is further

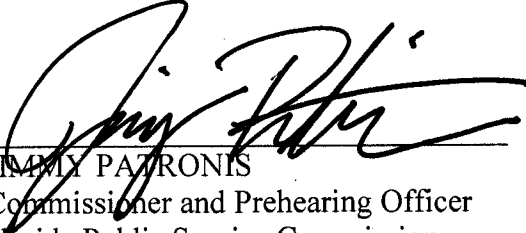
ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of Commissioner Jimmy Patronis, as Prehearing Officer, this 21st day
of March, 2016.



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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.