

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval of purchased power agreement between Tampa Electric Company and Pasco County.

DOCKET NO. 20220186-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2023-0117-CFO-EI
ISSUED: March 27, 2023

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIALITY FOR AMENDED REQUEST

On February 2, 2023, 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 an Amended Request for Confidential Classification (Request) of information contained in the purchased power agreement (Agreement) included in its Petition (Document No. 00813-2023). This request was filed in Docket No. 20220186-EI. The amended Request narrows the scope of information for which confidentiality is requested and replaces the one originally filed by TECO on November 4, 2022.

Request for Confidential Classification

TECO contends that designated portions of the information constitute proprietary and confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. TECO asserts that this information is intended to be and is treated by TECO as private and has not been publicly disclosed. More specifically, the information for which confidentiality is sought concerns contractual payments and rates between TECO and Pasco County used in several examples for their Agreement. Also included are contract termination payment values and the Pasco Transmission Cost Cap value.

TECO contends that the highlighted rates and terms in the Agreement represent contractual information that both parties to the Agreement treat as proprietary confidential business information as well as cost information that TECO considers proprietary confidential business information. TECO argues that such information concerns bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair their efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms and relates to their competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair their competitive business. Therefore, TECO contends the Agreement is entitled to confidential classification pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(d) and (e), F.S.

Ruling

Section 366.093(1), F.S., provides that records the Florida Public Service Commission (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 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 TECO's Request appears to contain information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of TECO 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. 00813-2023 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 TECO 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 hereby

ORDERED by Commissioner Mike La Rosa, as Prehearing Officer, that Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 00813-2023 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 00813-2023, for which confidential classification has been granted, 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 Tampa Electric 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.

By ORDER of Commissioner Mike La Rosa, as Prehearing Officer, this 27th day of March, 2023.



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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.