

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 100001-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-10-0215-CFO-EI
ISSUED: April 5, 2010

ORDER GRANTING GULF POWER COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
(DOCUMENT NO. 01886-09)

On March 9, 2009, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006(3), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Gulf Power Company (Gulf) filed a request for confidential classification of certain information contained in Schedules 2 and 5 of Exhibit HRB-1 to Herbert R. Ball's pre-filed direct testimony (Document No. 01886-09). This request was filed in Docket No. 090001-EI.

Section 366.093(1), F.S., 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 shall be exempt from Section 119.07(1) [the Public Records Act]." 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. Paragraphs (a), (d) and (e) of Section 366.093(3), F.S., provide that proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to "[t]rade secrets;" "[i]nformation 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;" and "[i]nformation relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information."

Gulf contends that portions of information contained in Schedules 2 and 5 of Exhibit HRB-1 to Herbert R. Ball's pre-filed direct testimony, as more specifically described in the table in Attachment A, fall within these categories and thus constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006(3), F.A.C. Gulf states that this information is intended to be and is treated by Gulf as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

Gulf asserts that the information contained in Schedules 2 and 5 consists of price terms for Gulf's coal purchases and hedging transactions, respectively. According to Gulf, Gulf and other members of the market in which it competes consider such pricing information to be trade secrets and competitively sensitive, such that disclosure would adversely affect Gulf's ability to conduct its coal procurement and hedging activities to the benefit of its customers. Gulf contends that disclosure of this cost information would impair Gulf's ability to enter into contracts for its customers' benefit.

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Upon review, it is not clear that the information for which confidential classification is sought constitutes "trade secrets" as defined by Section 366.093(3)(a), F.S. However, it does appear the above-referenced information satisfies the criteria set forth in Sections 366.093(3)(d) and (e), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information constitutes "[i]nformation 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;" and "[i]nformation relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information." Thus, the information contained in Document No. 01886-09, as more specifically identified in Attachment A, 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 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 Nathan A. Skop, as Prehearing Officer, that Gulf Power Company's Request for Confidential Classification of information contained in Document No. 01886-09, as more fully described in Attachment A, is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 01886-09 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. 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 Nathan A. Skop, as Prehearing Officer, this 5th day of April, 2010.



NATHAN A. SKOP
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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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 25-22.060, 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.

Attachment A

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	PAGE	COLUMN(S) and LINE(S)
Schedule 2 of Exhibit HRB-1 to Herbert R. Ball's pre-filed direct testimony.	1 of 1	Column E Lines 1 - 26
Schedule 5 of Exhibit HRB-1 to Herbert R. Ball's pre-filed direct testimony.	1 of 6	Columns A – E Lines 14 - 78
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