

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval of transportation service agreement for an extension in Nassau County with Florida Public Utilities Company, by Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 140189-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-14-0597-CFO-GU
ISSUED: October 22, 2014

ORDER GRANTING FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION (DOCUMENT NO. 05521-14)

On September 30, 2014, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) filed a Request for Confidential Classification (Request) of information contained in Exhibit A (Transportation Services Agreement) to its Petition for Approval of Firm Transportation Service Agreement between Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. (Peninsula) and FPUC (Document No. 05521-14). This request was filed in Docket No. 140189-GU.

Request for Confidential Classification

FPUC contends that the information contained in Exhibit A (Transportation Services Agreement) between Peninsula and FPUC, constitutes proprietary and confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. FPUC asserts that this information is intended to be and is treated by FPUC as private and has not been publically disclosed.

FPUC contends that the highlighted rates and terms in Exhibit A represent contractual information that both Peninsula and FPUC treat as proprietary confidential business information as well as cost information that FPUC considers proprietary confidential business information. FPUC contends that the information relates to the maximum daily transportation quantity (MDTQ) and the monthly reservation charge. FPUC argues that such information 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 FPUC's Request appears to contain information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of FPUC 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. 05521-14 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 FPUC 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 Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, that Florida Public Utilities Company's Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 05521-14 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 05521-14, 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. 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 Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, this 22nd day of
October, 2014.



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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.