

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of Storm Protection Plan,
pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., Duke
Energy Florida, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 20220050-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2024-0033-CFO-EI
ISSUED: February 12, 2024

ORDER GRANTING DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S
FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
(DOCUMENT NO. 03001-2022)

On January 18, 2024, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Duke Energy Florida, LLC (DEF) filed its First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification of documents contained in documents provided in response to OPC's 3rd Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 35-41). Specifically, DEF seeks extended confidential classification of Document No. 03001-2022

Request for Confidential Classification

DEF's original request for confidential treatment of information was granted by ORDER NO. PSC-2024-0033-CFO-EIPSC-2022-0283-CFO-EI, issued on July 21, 2022. DEF asserts that all of the information that was the subject of ORDER NO. PSC-2024-0033-CFO-EIPSC-2022-0283-CFO-EI warrants continued treatment as proprietary and confidential business information.

DEF contends that Document No. 03001-2022 contains certain information that constitutes "proprietary confidential business information" entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. DEF states that this information is intended to be and is treated by DEF as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

DEF asserts the Document No. 03001-2022 contain information concerning contractual data, that the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods of services on favorable terms and would impair the competitive business interests of the provider of information, and that this information is protected by Section 366.093(3)(d) and (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 information.

Upon review, it appears that the information satisfies the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information appears to be concerning bids or other contractual data, and information relating to competitive interests. The disclosure of these documents would impair DEF's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms, and would impair the competitive business of the provider of information. Thus, the information identified in Document No. 03001-2022 shall be granted a continuation of 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 DEF 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 Michael La Rosa, as Prehearing Officer, that Duke Energy Florida LLC's First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification of the information contained in Document No. 03001-2022 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 03001-2022, for which confidential classification has been granted, shall remain protected from disclosure for a period of up to 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.

By ORDER of Chairman Mike La Rosa, as Prehearing Officer, this 12th day of February, 2024.



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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.