

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to determine need for Florida
EnergySecure Pipeline by Florida Power &
Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 090172-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-09-0422-CFO-EI
ISSUED: June 16, 2009

ORDER GRANTING FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
(DOCUMENT NO. 05078-09)

On May 26, 2009, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed a request for confidential classification of certain information provided in FPL's response to Staff's Fifth Set of Interrogatories No. 91 (Document No. 05078-09). This request was filed in Docket No. 090172-EI.

Request for Confidential Classification

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 (d) and (e) of Section 366.093(3), F.S., provide that proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to "[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."

FPL contends that the information contained in its response to Staff's Fifth Set of Interrogatories No. 91, as more specifically described in the table in Attachment A, falls within these categories and, thus, constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. FPL states that this information is intended to be and is treated by FPL as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

FPL specifically alleges that certain information in its response contains information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair FPL's ability to contract for goods and services on favorable terms. FPL asserts that the information provided includes contractual data consisting of the transportation rate in FPL's transportation agreement with Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT) for FGT's Phase VIII project, the disclosure of which would impair their competitive businesses. FPL also claims that the disclosure of the transportation rate contained in the agreement between FPL and FGT would

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provide other potential natural gas transportation providers with knowledge of the rates FPL has negotiated. FPL alleges that this knowledge would give potential providers a significant competitive advantage in future negotiations because they would no longer need to make their best efforts to ensure the competitiveness of their rates. FPL claims that this would compromise its efforts to obtain competitive transportation rates that provide economic value to FPL and its ratepayers. FPL further claims that without assurances that the confidential terms of contracts will not be publicly disclosed, potential providers may be unwilling to contract with FPL. Finally, FPL submits that disclosure of this information would impair its efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms.

Ruling

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 and, thus, shall be treated as confidential. 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 identified in Document No. 05078-09 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 FPL 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 Lisa Polak Edgar, as Prehearing Officer, that Florida Power & Light Company’s Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 05078-09 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 05078-09 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 Lisa Polak Edgar, as Prehearing Officer, this 16th day of
June, 2009.


LISA POLAK EDGAR
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.

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