

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Environmental Cost Recovery Clause

DOCKET NO. 090007-EI  
ORDER NO. PSC-09-0776-CFO-EI  
ISSUED: November 18, 2009

ORDER GRANTING FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR  
CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO  
AUDIT NO. 08-029-4-1 (DOCUMENT NOS. 06388-08 AND 06762-08)

On August 1, 2008, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed a request for confidential classification for certain information provided in connection with the Commission's FPL Environmental Cost Recovery Clause ("ECRC") Audit for the Historical Test Year ended December 31, 2007, Audit Control No. 08-029-4-1 (Document Nos. 06388-08 and 06762-08). This request was filed in Docket No. 080007-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 (b), (d) and (e) of Section 366.093, F.S., provide that proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to "[i]nternal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors;" "[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 certain information provided in portions of the 2008 ECRC audit workpapers associated with Audit Control No. 08-029-4-1, 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 contends that some of the information for which confidential classification is sought constitutes or contains internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors or information relating to those internal auditing controls and reports. As such, FPL asserts the information contained within the documents is proprietary confidential business information

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FPL further contends that the remainder of the information for which FPL seeks confidential classification contains contractual data such as pricing and other terms. FPL further alleges that such information is competitively sensitive, and that its disclosure would impair the competitive interests of FPL or its vendors, as well as impair the ability of FPL to contract for goods and services on favorable terms for the benefit of its customers.

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. The information constitutes “[i]nternal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors” and “[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.” Moreover, none of the documentation discussed herein contains any information regarding the compensation of FPL executives. Thus, the information contained in Document Nos. 06388-08 and 06762-08, as more fully described 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 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 Nathan A. Skop, as Prehearing Officer, that Florida Power & Light Company’s Request for Confidential Classification of Document Nos. 06388-08 and 06762-08, as described in Attachment A, is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document Nos. 06388-08 and 06762-08 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.

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By ORDER of Commissioner Nathan A. Skop, as Prehearing Officer, this 18th day of November, 2009.

  
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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

Environmental Cost Recovery Clause  
Audit Workpapers  
Audit Control No. 08-029-4-1  
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Work paper No.	Description	No. of Pages	Page No./Line No./Col No.
9	List of Internal Audits	2	Pg. 1, Col. B
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43-4/1	Testing of Journal Vouchers	2	Pg. 1, Ln. 3 Pg. 2, Lns. 55, 59, 64
43-5	Journal Entries	7	Pg. 2, Lns. 7-12, 23-26 Pg. 3, Lns. 7-14, 17 Pg. 4, Lns. 14-20 Pg. 5, Lns. 12, 17, 19, 29, 35 Pg. 6, Lns. 7-10, 16, 20, 29 Pg. 7, Lns. 7-10, 16, 20, 29