

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 120001-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-12-0111-CFO-EI
ISSUED: March 13, 2012

ORDER GRANTING FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR
CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO
AUDIT NO. 11-006-4-2 (DOCUMENT NO. 03689-11 X-REF. DOCUMENT NO. 04073-11)

On June 14, 2011, 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 (Request) of certain information submitted by FPL pursuant to Audit Control No. 11-006-4-2 (the Audit). (Document No. 03689-11; x-ref Document No. 04073-11). This Request was filed in Docket No. 110001-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 (3)(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 the designated portions of the information contained in its responses to the Audit, as more specifically described in the line-by-line/field-by-field justification attached as Exhibit C to the Request, fall 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 submits that certain of the provided information is related to internal auditing controls or reports of internal auditors. FPL concludes this information is protected from public disclosure pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(b), F.S.

FPL states that other materials in the provided information are related to bids or contractual data, such as pricing or other terms. FPL contends that the public disclosure of this information would violate nondisclosure terms of FPL's contracts with certain vendors. FPL

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concludes that this would impair its ability to contract for goods or services on favorable terms and accordingly such information is protected by Section 366.093(d), F.S.

FPL asserts that certain of the information it provided to the Commission auditors was contained in the auditors notes and relates to actions taken by the FPL board of directors. FPL contends that the portion of the auditors notes that identified specific terms of FPL's credit facility is competitively sensitive information. FPL concludes that this information could impair its competitive interests as well as the interests of the provider and is therefore protected by Section 366.093(e).

Some of the information that FPL asserts is confidential includes customer-specific account information, which if disclosed would impair the competitive interests of FPL or the providers of the information. FPL asserts that its corporate policy is not to disclose customer-specific information. According to FPL, this policy includes, but is not limited to: customer names, addresses, telephone numbers, account numbers, rates, billing determinants, conservation savings and bills. FPL states that it does not disclose this information, except as required by law, to entities or persons other than the customer absent the customer's consent. FPL concludes that its policy is premised upon customers' right to privacy and the potential that the disclosure of customer specific information may harm some customers' competitive interests and thus the information is protected pursuant to Section 366.093(e), F.S.

Time Period For Confidential Classification

According to Section 366.093(4), F.S., confidential classification may only extend for 18 months from the issuance of an Order granting confidential classification unless "the Commission finds, for good cause, that the protection from disclosure shall be for a specified longer period." FPL has not requested a period longer than the 18 months.

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;" "[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;" or "[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. 03689-11; x-ref Document No. 04073-11 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.

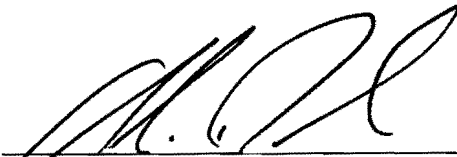
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Eduardo E. Balbis, as Prehearing Officer, that Florida Power and Light Company's Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 03689-11; x-ref Document No. 04073-11 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 03689-11; x-ref Document No. 04073-11 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 will be the only notification by the Commission to the parties concerning the expiration of the confidentiality time period.

By ORDER of Commissioner Eduardo E. Balbis, as Prehearing Officer, this 13th day of March, 2012.



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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.