

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 130001-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-13-0251-CFO-EI
ISSUED: June 5, 2013

ORDER GRANTING PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATIONS
(DOCUMENT NO. 05940-12)

On August 12, 2012, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Progress Energy Florida, Inc. (PEF) filed its requests for confidential classification of certain information contained in Exhibit MO-2 to the projection testimony of PEF witness Marcia Olivier dated August 31, 2012, specifically Schedule E-12-A –Calculation of Projected Capacity Costs, Part 3, Page 2 of 2, and certain information contained on Pages 4,5 and 6 of the testimony of Joseph McCallister also dated August 31, 2012 (Document No. 05940-12). This request was filed in Docket No. 120001-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. Sections 366.093(3)(d) and (e), 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.”

PEF contends that designated portions of the testimony of Ms. Olivier and Mr. McCallister, as more specifically described in the Justification Matrix in Attachment C to its Request, fall within these categories and, thus, constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. PEF states that Attachment C to its Request provides support for confidential classification of the highlighted information in each section of Exhibit MO-2, Schedule E12-A and Part 3, Page 2 of 2 of the testimony of Marcia Olivier and Page 4, Lines 7, 9, 12 and 18; Page 5, Lines 15, 16 and 18 and Page 6, Lines 4, 6 and 7 of Mr. McAllister’s testimony. PEF states that this information is intended to be and is treated by Gulf Power as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

In support of its request for confidential treatment, PEF asserts that the information in Exhibit MO-2, Schedule E12-A and Part 3, Page 2 of 2 provides the number of megawatts for each purchase or sale which when combined with other nonconfidential cost data provided in the

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exhibit could be used to determine the capacity charges for each wholesale contract. Disclosure of this information would enable wholesale providers to determine the prices of their competitors resulting in greater price convergence in further negotiations. Further, PEF's competitors could change their consumption or purchasing behavior in relevant markets resulting in higher prices for PEF ratepayers. With regard to Mr. McCallister's testimony, the information sought to be kept confidential provides forecasted hedging percentages and hedging amounts. Disclosure of this information could result in higher prices in future negotiations as fuel suppliers could offer the highest prices that would allow them to maintain a marginally competitive position against the disclosed forecasted percentages.

Time Period For Confidential Classification

PEF requests confidential classification for this information for a period of 18 months. 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."

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]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." Thus, the information identified in Document No. 05940-12 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 PEF or another affected person shows, and the Commission finds, that the records continue to contain proprietary confidential business information.

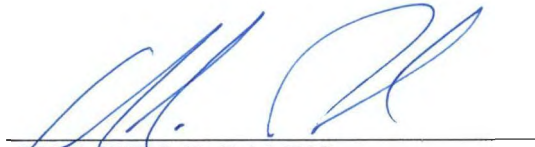
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Eduardo E Balbis, as Prehearing Officer, that Progress Energy Florida, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 05940-12 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 05940-12 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 Eduardo E. Balbis, as Prehearing Officer, this 5th day of June, 2013.



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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.