

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for original certificates to
provide water and wastewater service in Lake
County by Sunlake Estates Utilities, L.L.C.

DOCKET NO. 130180-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-14-0060-CFO-WS
ISSUED: January 28, 2014

ORDER GRANTING SUNLAKE ESTATES UTILITIES, LLC'S REQUEST FOR
CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENT NO. 05047-13

On August 28, 2013, pursuant to Section 367.156, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Sunlake Estates Utilities, L.L.C. (Sunlake or Utility) filed its request for confidential classification for certain information contained in response to staff's July 26, 2013 deficiency letter (Document No. 05047-13). Sunlake states that this information should be classified as proprietary, confidential business information pursuant to Section 367.156(2), F.S. and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C.

Section 367.156(2), 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 367.156(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 (3)(d) and (e) of Section 367.156, F.S., provide that proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to "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" and "information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information."

Sunlake contends that the information produced in response to staffs deficiency letter dated July 26, 2013 includes financial statements of the Utility's parent, and grandparent companies, the disclosure of which would impair those entities' competitive interests, could be used to discern trade secrets, or harm their ability to contract for goods and services on a favorable basis. Sunlake maintains that the information is intended to be and is treated by those entities as private and confidential and has not been disclosed externally and has been strictly controlled internally.

Time Period For Confidential Classification

Sunlake did not request confidential classification for a specified period of time. According to Section 367.156(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 367.156(3), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information constitutes “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” and “information 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. 05047-13 shall be granted confidential classification.

Pursuant to Section 367.156(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 Sunlake 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 Sunlake Estates Utilities, LLC’s Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 05047-13 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 05047-13 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 28th day
of January, 2014.



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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

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appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.