

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Nuclear cost recovery clause.

DOCKET NO. 140009-EI  
ORDER NO. PSC-14-0414-PCO-EI  
ISSUED: August 14, 2014

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

On June 9, 2008, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed a Motion for Temporary Protective Order (Document No. 04882-08) to exempt from Section 119.07(1), F.S., certain confidential information while the material is in the possession of the Office of Public Counsel (OPC). Section 366.093(2), F.S., directs that all records produced pursuant to a discovery request for which proprietary confidential status is requested shall be treated by any party subject to the public records law as confidential and exempt from the public records law, Section 119.07(1), F.S. Rule 25-22.006(6), F.A.C., codifies the Florida Public Service Commission's (Commission) policy regarding the protection of confidential information from public disclosure during the discovery process in a manner that is not overly burdensome to both parties. Rule 25-22.006(6)(a) F.A.C., in pertinent part, states:

In any formal proceeding before the Commission, any utility or other person may request a protective order protecting proprietary confidential business information from discovery. Upon a showing by a utility or other person and a finding by the Commission that the material is entitled to protection, the Commission shall enter a protective order limiting discovery in the manner provided for in Rule 1.280, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

In addition, Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), F.A.C., states that if a party allows OPC to inspect or take possession of utility information, then that "utility may request a temporary protective order exempting the information from Section 119.07(1), F.S." The Rule further requires the utility to file a specific request for a protective order under paragraph (a) of the Rule if the information is to be used in the proceeding before the Commission.

FPL is seeking protection for information included in its responses to OPC's Second and Third Requests for Production of Documents related to existing and proposed contracts, the public disclosure of which would violate nondisclosure provisions of FPL's contracts with certain vendors. FPL contends that disclosure of the confidential contractual information would provide competitors insight into FPL's and/or the vendors' contractual agreements and business practices, which in turn would harm FPL's and the vendors' competitive interests and impair FPL's ability to contract for goods and services on favorable terms, to the detriment of FPL and its customers.

FPL affirms that it has been authorized by counsel for OPC to represent that OPC does not object to the granting of this motion, but OPC does retain its right to contest confidentiality if warranted.

Upon consideration, FPL's Motion for Temporary Protective Order is granted. FPL has asserted that the material should be protected from disclosure pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), F.A.C., while OPC reviews the information to determine what information will be used in this proceeding. Accordingly, this information will be protected from disclosure pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6), F.A.C.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED by Commissioner Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, that Florida Power & Light Company's Motion for Temporary Protective Order is granted, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this Order.

By ORDER of Commissioner Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, this 14th day of August, 2014.



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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.