

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Energy conservation cost recovery  
clause.

DOCKET NO. 140002-EG  
ORDER NO. PSC-14-0530-CFO-EG  
ISSUED: October 3, 2014

ORDER GRANTING FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S  
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION  
(DOCUMENT NO. 02966-14)

On June 12, 2014, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) filed a Request for Confidential Classification (Request) of certain material contained in Volume 2 of the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) Staff's audit workpapers associated with Audit No. 14-017-4-2 (audit workpapers) (Document No. 02966-14).

Request for Confidential Classification

FPUC contends that designated portions of the information contained in Volume 2 of its audit workpapers, specifically workpapers 43-3/1, 43-3/2, 43-3/3, and 43-3/4, constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093(3), F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. FPUC asserts that the information is intended to be, and is treated by FPUC, as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

FPUC contends that certain information within the audit workpapers consists of competitively sensitive information and contains information related to specific payroll allocations and payout amounts associated with a specific employee. FPUC further contends that it maintains this information confidential in order to prevent other entities from raiding FPUC for its highly qualified, skilled employees. FPUC asserts that this information, if disclosed, could impair its efforts to compete for services, as well as attract and retain qualified employees. FPUC argues that this information is protected pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(e), F.S.

Ruling

Section 366.093(1), F.S., provides that records that the Commission has found to contain proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from Chapter 119, F.S. 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. Section 366.093(3), F.S., provides that proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to:

- (e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.

Upon review, it appears that the information described above satisfies the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information described above appears to be 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. 02966-14, 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 up to 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 FPUC 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 hereby

ORDERED by Commissioner Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, that Florida Public Utilities Company's Request for Confidential Classification of portions of Document No. 02966-14, is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information contained in Document No. 02966-14, for which confidential classification has been granted, shall remain protected from disclosure for a period of up to 18 months from the date of the issuance of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall be the only notification by the Commission to the parties concerning the expiration of the confidentiality time period.

By ORDER of Commissioner Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, this 3rd day of October, 2014.



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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

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.