

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 150001-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-15-0376-CFO-EI
ISSUED: September 10, 2015

ORDER GRANTING GULF POWER COMPANY'S
FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
(DOCUMENT NOS. 02792-13 and 02346-13)

On April 7, 2015, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Gulf Power Company (Gulf) filed its first request for extension of confidential classification (Request) of information provided in connection with a review of Gulf's 2012 Fuel and Purchased Power Transactions in Audit Control No. 13-016-1-1 (Review) (cross-referenced in Document Nos. 02792-13 and 02346-13). This Request was filed in Docket No. 150001-EI.

Request for Confidential Classification

On May 21, 2013, Gulf filed a request for confidential classification of certain information submitted by Gulf pursuant to the Review. The request was granted by Order No. PSC-13-0457-CFO-EI, issued October 14, 2013. Gulf states that some of the information that was the subject of Order No. PSC-13-0457-CFO-EI warrants continued treatment as proprietary and confidential business information.

Gulf contends that the designated portions of the information contained in its responses to the Review constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to continued protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. Gulf states that this information is intended to be and continues to be treated by Gulf as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

Gulf further asserts that certain information contains confidential business information concerning bids or other contractual data which would impair Gulf's efforts to enter into contracts on commercially favorable terms. Gulf contends that this information is protected by Section 366.093(3)(d), F.S.

Additionally, Gulf contends that certain information contains a summary description of pending litigation in which the Company is presently involved. Gulf contends public disclosure of this information could impair the Company's litigation positions, and ultimately, the Company's competitive business position. Gulf asserts that this information is protected by Section 366.093(3)(e), F.S.

Gulf asserts that the period of confidential treatment of the above-numbered documents is due to expire soon. Gulf contends that the information deemed confidential warrants continued

treatment as proprietary and confidential business information within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. Gulf further asserts that the confidential information is intended to be and has been treated by Gulf as private and its confidential nature has been maintained. Gulf also asserts that the disclosure of the information would cause harm to Gulf and its customers.

Ruling

Section 366.093(1), F.S., provides that records that the Florida Public Service Commission (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 that has not been voluntarily disclosed to the public. Section 366.093(3), F.S., provides, in pertinent part, that proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to:

(d) 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.

(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 the above-referenced information satisfies the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), F.S., for continued classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information described above appears to be "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 Nos. 02792-13 and 02346-13 shall be granted a continuation of 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 Gulf 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 Chairman Art Graham, as Prehearing Officer, that Gulf Power Company's First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification of Document Nos. 02792-13 and 02346-13 is granted. It is further

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ORDERED that the information contained in Document Nos. 02792-13 and 02346-13 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 will be the only notification by the Commission to the parties concerning the expiration of the confidentiality time period.

By ORDER of Chairman Art Graham, as Prehearing Officer, this 10th day of September, 2015.



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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.