

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Nuclear cost recovery clause.

DOCKET NO. 20170009-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2017-0271-CFO-EI
ISSUED: July 13, 2017

ORDER GRANTING DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION (DOCUMENT NO. 02611-2017)

On March 1, 2017, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Duke Energy Florida, LLC (DEF or Company), filed a First Request for Confidential Classification (request) of certain information provided in DEF's true-up testimony and exhibits (true-up filing) filed on March 1, 2017. (Document No. 02611-2017). This Request was filed in Docket No. 20170009-EI.

Request for Confidential Classification

DEF is seeking confidential classification of portions of the testimony of DEF witness Thomas G. Foster and attached Exhibit No. TGF-1 (Foster's testimony), and portions of the testimony of DEF witness Christopher M. Fallon and attached Exhibit No. CMF-1 (Fallon's testimony), more specifically identified by page and line within Exhibit C attached to its request. DEF asserts that this information is intended to be and is treated by DEF as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

Included within DEF's request is Exhibit D containing the affidavit of Christopher M. Fallon in support of DEF's request. According to DEF, the information for which it seeks confidential classification within Foster's testimony contains sensitive contractual information and cost numbers regarding the Levy Nuclear Project (LNP). DEF contends that disclosure of this information could impair its competitive business interests and ability to negotiate favorable contracts, as well as violate contractual nondisclosure provisions within the contracts. DEF argues that this information should be protected pursuant to Sections 366.093(3)(d) and (e), F.S.

DEF also asserts that information within Fallon's testimony contains data that is competitively sensitive under the terms and conditions of the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction contract with Westinghouse Electric Company and Stone & Webster, Inc. (the Consortium). Specifically, DEF argues that CMF-1 contains confidential settlement information between DEF, the Consortium, and its vendors regarding the disposition of long lead equipment for the LNP. DEF states that this information constitutes "information relating to competitive interests" and as proprietary confidential business information under Section 366.093(3)(e), F.S.

Ruling

Section 366.093(1), F.S., provides that records the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) has found to contain proprietary 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, F.S., provides 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 classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information appears to be information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of DEF 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. 02611-2017 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 DEF 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 Ronald A. Brisé, as Prehearing Officer, that Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 02611-2017 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 02611-2017, for which confidential classification has been granted, shall remain protected from disclosure for a period of up to 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 Ronald A. Brisé, as Prehearing Officer, this 13th day of July, 2017.



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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.