

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20190001-EI  
ORDER NO. PSC-2019-0419-CFO-EI  
ISSUED: October 16, 2019

ORDER GRANTING DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S  
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER  
(DOCUMENT NO. 08704-2019)

On September 10, 2019, pursuant to Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Duke Energy Florida, LLC (DEF) filed a Motion for Temporary Protective Order (Document No. 08704-2019) for its responses to the Office of Public Counsel's (OPC) Fifth Set of Interrogatories No. 35 and Fourth Request for Production of Documents Nos. 41, 43, 44, and 45. DEF's answer to OPC's Fifth Set of Interrogatories No. 35 contains information regarding DEF's purchased power costs on an hourly basis for each hour in 2017 through 2019. OPC's Fifth Request for Production of Documents Nos. 41, 43-45 contain contracts between DEF and the OEM for the Bartow steam turbine, documents used to develop calculations to determine MWh not produced by Bartow plant in 2018, power costs associated with derating of Bartow plant, and highest cost purchased power costs from 2017 to 2019. DEF seeks protection of the confidential information, submitted to OPC in response to discovery requests propounded by the OPC in the instant docket.

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DEF states that the information provided in the responses outlined above is confidential and seeks protection of these documents as provided in Section 366.093(3), F.S., and Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), F.A.C., while the material is in the possession of OPC. DEF also requests that the protection extend not only to OPC, but also to any consultants or advisors with whom OPC has contracted for purposes of this proceeding.

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 Commission's 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.”

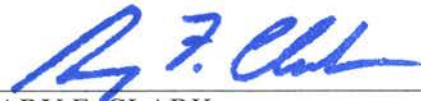
Upon consideration, DEF’s assertions of the confidential nature of the information contained in its responses to OPC’s Fifth Set of Interrogatories No. 35 and Fourth Request for Production of Documents Nos. 41, 43-45 are sufficient to grant its Motion for Protective Order for that information. As a result, all of this information shall be protected from disclosure pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), F.A.C.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED by Commissioner Gary F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, that Duke Energy Florida, LLC’s Motion for Temporary Protective Order (Document No. 08704-2019) regarding its responses to OPC’s Fifth Set of Interrogatories No. 35 and Fourth Request for Production of Documents Nos. 41, 43-45, is granted. It is further

ORDERED that this Temporary Protective Order shall extend not only to the Office of Public Counsel, but also to any consultants or advisors with whom the Office of Public Counsel has contracted for purposes of this proceeding.

By ORDER of Commissioner Gary F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, this 16th day of October, 2019.



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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.