

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to Determine Need for Turkey Point Unit 5 Power Plant by Florida Power & Light Company.

Docket No. 040206-E1 Dated: May 19, 2004

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CALPINE ENERGY SERVICES, L.P.'S RESPONSE TO GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER BASED ON CONFIDENTIALITY

Calpine Energy Services, L.P. ("Calpine"), pursuant to Rule 28-106.206, Florida Administrative Code ("FAC"), submits the following response to the Motion for Protective Order submitted by General Electric Company ("GE") and states:

I. Calpine Seeks Legitimate Discovery

FPL has issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for electrical generating capacity under the Commission's Bid Rule, Rule 25-22.082, Florida Administrative Code. This rule specifically provides that the intent of this rule is "to ensure that a public utility's selection of a proposed generation addition is the most cost-effective alternative available." Rule 25-22.082(1), F.A.C.

Calpine, as an entity submitting a proposal in response to FPL's RFP, seeks to ensure that the requirements of the Bid Rule are complied with and that the "most cost-effective alternative" is selected as a result of this process. Accordingly, Calpine has sought discovery designed to determine if, in fact, FPL's self-build alternative is the most cost-effective alternative available.

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The Third Parties seek to prevent, or unnecessarily condition, Calpine's access to highly relevant information that Calpine, as a party to this proceeding, is entitled to through discovery.

II. Scope of Discovery

Florida has adopted a set of discovery rules designed to facilitate "broad and liberal" discovery. Allstate Insurance Co. v. Boecher, 773 So. 2d 993, 995 (Fla. 1999). Further, as

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recognized by Florida's Supreme Court, "courts must remain vigilant in preserving our discovery rules' basic framework, which envisions broad discovery in order to advance the state's important interest in the fair and efficient resolution of disputes." Alterra Healthcare Corporation, v. Estate of Shelley, 827 So. 2d 936, 948 (Fla. 2002).

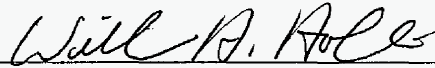
III. GE Does Not Have Standing

GE seeks protective entry of protective orders to protect their interests, even though GE is not a party to this proceeding. GE cites Rule 1.280, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure as a basis for the protective order sought. However, GE has no standing to invoke this Rule, which only applies to parties, or to the person from whom discovery is sought. Rule 1.280(c). GE is not a party to this litigation nor are they the "person (entity) from whom discovery is sought."

Calpine, a party to this proceeding, seeks the discovery of information that is essential to its ability to participate as a party in this proceeding. The Third Parties have no standing to assert any right to limit Calpine's ability to fully participate in this proceeding and their request for a protective order should be denied.

WHEREFORE, Calpine Energy Services, L.P., respectfully requests that the Commission deny the Motions for Protective Order filed by the Third Parties. Alternatively, Calpine requests that the Commission direct the Parties to this litigation to enter into an appropriate confidentiality agreement that will appropriately ensure both access to relevant information and protection of confidential information.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of May, 2004.



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