

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Nuclear Power Plant Cost Recovery Clause

Docket No. 110009-EI Submitted for Filing: July 22, 2011

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PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S FIFTEENTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION REGARDING PORTIONS OF EXHIBIT WJR(PEF)-3 OF WILLIAM R. JACOB, JR., PH.D.'S DIRECT TESTIMONY

Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF" or the "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(3), Florida Administrative Code, files this Request for Confidential Classification regarding portions of Exhibit WRJ(PEF)-3 attached to the July 8, 2011 Direct Testimony of William R. Jacob, Jr., Ph.D. ("Exhibit"). The Exhibit contains confidential and proprietary contractual information, the disclosure of which would impair PEF's competitive business interests, as well as other information the disclosure of which would harm the Company's competitive business interests. The information in the Exhibit meets the definition of proprietary confidential business information per section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes. The unredacted Exhibit is being filed under seal with the Commission on a confidential basis to keep the competitive business information in the Exhibit confidential.

BASIS FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Section 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that "any records received by the Commission which are shown and found by the Commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from [the Public Records Act]." § 366.093(1), Fla. Stat. Proprietary confidential business information means

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Company, (ii) because disclosure of the information would cause harm, (iii) either to the Company's customers or the Company's business operation, and (iv) the information has not been voluntarily disclosed to the public. § 366.093(3), Fla. Stat. Specifically, "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" is defined as proprietary confidential business information. § 366.093(3)(d), Fla. Stat. Additionally, section 366.093(3)(e) defines "information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information," as proprietary confidential business information.

Portions of the aforementioned Exhibit (collectively the "responsive information") should be afforded confidential classification for the reasons set forth in the Affidavit of John Elnitsky filed in support of PEF's Request for Confidential Classification, and for the following reasons.

The Exhibit contains sensitive proprietary and confidential information, including pricing and cost information, related to and derived from contractual agreements necessary to complete the Levy Nuclear Project ("LNP") including the Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement ("EPC Agreement"). The EPC Agreement includes confidentiality and non-disclosure provisions that forbid the public disclosure of this information. PEF considers this information to confidential and proprietary and continues to take steps to protect against its public disclosure, including limiting the personnel who have access to this information. Affidavit of Elnitsky, ¶ 4. Public release of this information would harm the Company's ability to contract for necessary goods and services by signaling to the parties

with whom PEF attempts to contract that the Company will not be able to maintain the confidentiality of the parties' contractual agreements. See id. at ¶ 4.

Further, the Company has established and follows strict procedures to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of all of the confidential documents and information at issue, including restricting access to those persons who need the information and documents to assist the Company. See Affidavit of Elnitsky, ¶ 5.

At no time has the Company publicly disclosed the confidential information or documents at issue; PEF has treated and continues to treat the information and documents at issue as confidential. See Affidavit of Elnitsky, ¶ 5.

PEF requests this information be granted confidential treatment by the Commission.

Conclusion

The competitive, confidential information at issue in this Request fits the statutory definition of proprietary confidential business information under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., and therefore that information should be afforded confidential classification. In support of this motion, PEF has enclosed the following:

(1) A separate, sealed envelope containing one copy of the confidential Appendix A to PEF's Request for which PEF intends to request confidential classification with the appropriate section, pages, or lines containing the confidential information highlighted. **This information should be accorded confidential treatment pending a decision on PEF's Request by the Commission;**


(2) Two copies of the documents with the information for which PEF intends to request confidential classification redacted by section, pages, or lines where appropriate as Appendix B; and,

(3) A justification matrix of the confidential information contained in Appendix A supporting PEF's Request, as Appendix C.

WHEREFORE, PEF respectfully requests that the redacted portions of the Exhibit be classified as confidential for the reasons set forth above.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of July, 2011.

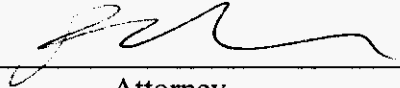
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to counsel and parties of record as indicated below via electronic and U.S. Mail this 22nd day of July, 2011.



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