

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval of 2014 nuclear decommissioning study, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 140057-EI  
ORDER NO. PSC-15-0491-CFO-EI  
ISSUED: October 22, 2015

ORDER GRANTING DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S REQUEST FOR  
CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION (DOCUMENT NO. 04911-14, X-REF DN 04424-14)

On September 3, 2014, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Duke Energy Florida, Inc. (DEF) filed a request for confidential classification (Request) of the Florida Public Service Commission Staff's Third Data Request (Nos. 1.a through 1.e). DEF asserts that the confidential information in the documents is intended to be proprietary, is treated as proprietary, and has not been publicly disclosed. DEF requests that the Commission grant confidential classification for the documents for a period of 18 months from the date of the issuance of this Order, pursuant to Section 366.093(4), Florida Statutes. (F.S.).

Request for Confidential Classification

Section 366.093(1), F.S., 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 Section 119.07(1), F.S. [Florida's Public Records Act]." Pursuant to Section 366.093(3), F.S., proprietary confidential business information includes 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(3), F.S., provides that confidential business information includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- "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."
- "Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information," and
- "Employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities."

Id. at (d)-(f).

DEF contends that the information, described with specific justification in Appendix C of the Request, is intended to be, and is treated as, confidential by DEF and has not been otherwise publicly disclosed. DEF asserts that this document contains confidential budget allocations based on a detailed analysis of proposed vendor costs. The information is generally described as bids or other contractual data, competitive interests, and/or employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities. DEF argues that without

measures to maintain the confidentiality of the sensitive terms in contracts between DEF and its contractors, DEF's efforts to obtain competitive contracts would be undermined. Based on the foregoing, the Company asserts that the information is entitled to confidential classification pursuant to Section 366.093(d)-(f), F.S.

Ruling

Upon review, I find that the information identified in Document No. 04911-14, x-ref DN 04424-14, more specifically described in Appendix C of the Request, is treated by the Company as private, has not otherwise been disclosed, and is contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the Company to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. Thus, the information shall be granted confidential classification pursuant to Section 366.093(3), F.S .

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Jimmy Patronis, as Prehearing Officer, that Duke Energy Florida, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 04911-14, x-ref DN 04424-14, as detailed in Appendix C, is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 04911-14, x-ref DN 04424-14, 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. At the conclusion of the 18-month period, the confidential information will no longer be exempt from Section 119.07(1), F.S., unless Duke Energy Florida, Inc. or another affected person shows, and the Commission finds, that the records continue to contain proprietary confidential business information. 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 Jimmy Patronis, as Prehearing Officer, this 22nd day  
of October, 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.