

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 170001-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-17-0047-CFO-EI
ISSUED: February 6, 2017

ORDER GRANTING DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
(DOCUMENT NO. 06330-15, EX REF. 06604-15)

On October 8, 2015, 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) filed a request for Confidential Classification (Request) of its response to the Commission staff's Seventh Set of Interrogatories No. 37, subsections a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, and l. (Document No. 06330-15). DEF revised its response to subsection l on October 15, 2015 (Document No. 06604-15). This request was filed in Docket No. 150001-EI.

Request for Confidential Classification

DEF contends that the information contained in its responses to Commission staff's Seventh Set of Interrogatories No. 37, subsections a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, and l, more specifically described in Exhibit C to its Request, constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. DEF asserts that this information is intended to be and is treated by DEF as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

The information contained in its response to Commission staff's Seventh Set of Interrogatories No. 37, subsections a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, and l, contains information regarding DEF's projections of natural gas and crude oil prices, as well as proprietary market price forecasts of natural gas prices subject to third party confidentiality agreements. The responses also include DEF's analysis of various factors affecting the availability of natural gas, e.g., increasing natural gas manufacturing demand, environmental opposition to hydraulic fracturing, increased seismic activity, etc. These responses also reference and incorporate proprietary market forecasts of both future natural gas prices and production purchased from third parties and subject to confidentiality agreements. DEF argues that the release of this information would violate its agreements with the third party vendors and impair DEF's ability to obtain necessary market information, projections, and analysis from recognized third party experts to the detriment of its customers. For these reasons, DEF argues that this information is protected pursuant to 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(3), F.S., provides that proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to:

- (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 natural gas and crude oil production and price forecasts, if disclosed, could adversely impact DEF's competitive interests as well as the competitive interests of the providers of the information. Thus, the information identified in Document Nos. 06330-15 and 06604-15 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 Nos. 06330-15 and 06604-15, is granted, as set forth herein. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document Nos. 06330-15 and 06604-15, 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 6th day
of February, 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.