

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Nuclear cost recovery clause.

DOCKET NO. 20180009-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2018-0294-CFO-EI
ISSUED: June 8, 2018

ORDER GRANTING DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S SECOND REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION (DOCUMENT NO. 02015-2014)

On January 24, 2018, 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 its Second Request for Extension of Confidential Classification (Request) for portions of the testimony and exhibits filed as part of its May 1, 2014 Filing, specifically, portions of the testimony of Christopher M. Fallon and Exhibits CMF-10, CMF-11, and CMF-12, and portions of the testimony of Thomas G. Foster and Exhibits TGF-4 and TGF-5 (testimony and exhibits) (Document No. 02015-2014). This Request was filed in Docket No. 20180009-EI.

Request for Confidential Classification

DEF's original request for confidential treatment of information contained within the testimony and exhibits was granted by Order No. PSC-14-0232-CFO-EI, issued May 13, 2014. DEF's first request for an extension of the confidential classification of the information was granted by Order No. PSC-16-0316-CFO-EI, issued August 4, 2016. DEF contends that designated portions of the testimony and exhibits constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to continued protection under Section 366.093(3), F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. DEF states that this information is intended to be and continues to be treated by DEF as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

DEF states that some of the information included in its original request for confidential treatment of the aforementioned information is no longer confidential. Therefore, included within DEF's Request are Revised Exhibits A, B, C, and D. DEF contends that the testimony and exhibits contain contractual information related to the Levy Nuclear Power Plant Project and the Crystal River Unit 3 Extended Power Uprate, the disclosure of which would impair DEF's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. DEF further contends that information provided in the testimony and exhibits relates to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business interests of the provider/owner of the information or violate contractual confidentiality provisions. As such, DEF asserts that the designated information within the testimony and exhibits is entitled to extended protection under Sections 366.093(3)(d) and (e), F.S.

DEF states that the period of confidential treatment of Document No. 02015-2014 is due to expire soon. DEF asserts that nothing has changed since the filing of the original request to render the information stale or public, such that continued confidential treatment would not be appropriate.

Ruling

Section 366.093(1), F.S., provides that records that the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) has found to contain proprietary confidential 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 DEF as private, in that disclosure of the information would cause harm to DEF's ratepayers or business operations, and that has not been voluntarily disclosed to the public. Section 366.093(3), F.S., provides, in pertinent part, that proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to:

(d) 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.

(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 continued classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information described above appears to be information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of DEF or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms and information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information. Thus, the portions of Document No. 02015-2014 identified by DEF in this Request shall be granted a continuation of 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 Gary F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, that Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Second Request for Extension of Confidential Classification of certain identified portions of Document No. 02015-2014 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information contained in Document No. 02015-2014, 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 will be the only notification by the Commission to the parties concerning the expiration of the confidentiality time period.

By ORDER of Commissioner Gary F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, this 8th day of June, 2018.



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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.