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Re: Docket No. 140025-EI -Application for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company.

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and seven copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Temporary Protective Order for information provided in response to the Fourth Requests for Production (No. 87) and Fifth Requests for Production (No. 93) served on the Company by the Office of Public Counsel in the referenced proceeding. Also enclosed is a CD which contains the subject confidential material. FPU asks that the referenced "Confidential" CD be treated as confidential in its entirety.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions whatsoever regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: **Application for rate increase by** | DOCKET NO. 140025-EI
Florida Public Utilities Company. |

DATED: July 14, 2014

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION AND MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY
PROTECTIVE ORDER

Florida Public Utilities Company (“FPU” or “Company”), by and through its undersigned counsel, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and consistent with the provisions of Rule 25-22.006(4) and 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, hereby submits its Request for Confidential Classification and for Issuance of a Temporary Protective Order to protect information provided in the Company’s responses to the Fourth and Fifth Requests for Production of Documents served upon FPU by the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”). Confidential documents submitted in response to OPC’s Production Requests Nos. 87 (OPC 4th 87A, 87B, and 87C) and 93 (OPC 5th POD 93A, 93B, and 93C) are deemed by the Company to be confidential in their entirety and have been provided on a separate CD labeled “Confidential”. The Company asks therefore that the referenced “Confidential” CD be treated as confidential in its entirety. In support of this Request, FPU states that:

1. On April 28, 2014, FPU filed its Petition for Approval of a Rate Increase and Request for Interim Increase, along with the requisite MFRs.
2. On June 12, 2014, the OPC served FPU with its Fourth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 88-101) and Fourth Requests for Production of Documents (84-91) in this proceeding. On June 13, 2014, the OPC served FPU with its Fifth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 102 - 119) and Fifth Requests for Production of Documents (Nos. 92 - 99) in this proceeding.

3. The Company's responses to OPC's Production Requests Nos. 87 and 93 include documentation that FPU treats as confidential information, the disclosure of which could be harmful to the Company's business operations, as well its ratepayers.
4. The information at issue is, as noted, considered proprietary confidential business information and has not otherwise been disclosed publicly. It involves information relating to FPU's competitive interests, including contract details and related correspondence with an outside vendor, as well as specific employee information, which if disclosed, could impair the Company's ability to retain qualified personnel in key positions and thus harm the Company's operations and its ratepayers.
5. The information for which FPU seeks confidential classification is information that meets the definition of "proprietary confidential business information" as set forth in Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes, which provides:

(3) Proprietary confidential business information means information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the person or company, is intended to be and is treated by the person or company as private in that the disclosure of the information would cause harm to the ratepayers or the person's or company's business operations, and has not been disclosed unless disclosed pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of a court or administrative body, or private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public. Proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Trade secrets.
- (b) Internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors.
- (c) Security measures, systems, or procedures.
- (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.
- (f) Employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities.

6. Specifically, FPUC seeks confidential classification and a Protective Order for all information in the referenced responses, as set forth below:

Response	Document	Rationale
OPC Production Request No. 87A (19 page Attachment)	Vertex Data Utility Services Master Services Agreement	Competitively sensitive information, the disclosure of which could impair the Company's market position, including vendor specific contractual terms, the disclosure of which could impair the Company's ability to contract for goods and services in the future on favorable terms. (Section 366.093(d))
OPC Production Request No. 87B (26 page Attachment)	Vertex Data Utility Services Statement of Work Addendum and related correspondence	Competitively sensitive information, the disclosure of which could impair the Company's market position, including vendor specific contractual terms, the disclosure of which could impair the Company's ability to contract for goods and services in the future on favorable terms. (Section 366.093(d))
OPC Production Request No. 87C (8 page Attachment)	Vertex Data Utility Services Executed Statement of Work	Competitively sensitive information, the disclosure of which could impair the Company's market position, including vendor specific contractual terms, the disclosure of which could

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		impair the Company’s ability to contract for goods and services in the future on favorable terms. (Section 366.093(d))
OPC Production Request No. 93A (12 page Attachment)	Internal Audit Report – Operational Review – Employee Pricing (July 2011)	Report of the Company’s Internal Auditors, which is deemed highly propriety by the Company, and which, if disclosed, would reveal employee-specific information that could impair the Company’s ability to retain highly qualified employees, thus impairing the Company’s operations and ability to provide high quality service to its ratepayers. (Section 366.093(b) and (e))
OPC Production Request No. 93B (4 page Attachment)	Internal Audit Report/Annual Compliance Review – Senior Officer Expenses (December 2013)	Report of the Company’s Internal Auditors, which is deemed highly propriety by the Company, and which, if disclosed, would reveal employee-specific information that could impair the Company’s ability to retain highly qualified employees, thus impairing the Company’s operations and ability to provide high quality service to its ratepayers. (Section 366.093(b) and (e))

Response	Document	Rationale
OPC Production Request No. 93C (24 page Attachment)	Internal Audit Report/Annual Compliance Review – Senior Officer Expenses (December 2012)	Report of the Company’s Internal Auditors, which is deemed highly propriety by the Company, and which, if disclosed, would reveal employee-specific information that could impair the Company’s ability to retain highly qualified employees, thus impairing the Company’s operations and ability to provide high quality service to its ratepayers. (Section 366.093(b) and (e))

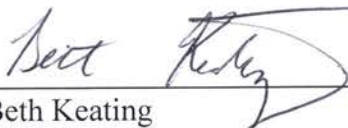
7. The information set forth in these identified sections is proprietary contractual information that falls squarely under Section 366.093(3)(b), (d), and (e), Florida Statutes. Release of the identified employee information could impair FPU’s ability to retain certain key personnel and provide competitors and unfair advantage in attracting qualified employees. As such, FPU requests that the Commission afford this information confidential treatment and exempt from Section 119.07, Florida Statutes. Included with this Request is a CD containing the confidential documents responsive to Production Requests Nos. 87 and 93.
8. FPU further requests that the Commission issue a protective order, in accordance with Rule 25-22.006(6), Florida Administrative Code, to protect this information when provided to the Office of Public Counsel, which is a party to this proceeding.

9. FPU asks that confidential classification be granted for a period of at least 18 months. Should the Commission or the Office of Public Counsel no longer find that it needs to retain the information, FPU respectfully requests that the confidential information be returned to the Company.

WHEREFORE, FPUC respectfully requests:

- 1) that the information contained in the enclosed CD, which is the confidential responses to OPC's Fourth Requests for Production of Documents, No. 87, and Fifth Requests for Production of Documents, No. 93, be classified as "proprietary confidential business information," and thus, exempt from Section 119.07, Florida Statutes; and
- 2) that a temporary protective order be issued protecting this information from public disclosure while in the possession of the Office of Public Counsel.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of July, 2014.


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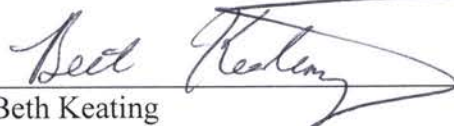
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing filing has been served by Hand Delivery this 14th day of July, 2014, upon the following:

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