

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20220001-EI  
ORDER NO. PSC-2022-0021-CFO-EI  
ISSUED: January 12, 2022

ORDER GRANTING DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION  
(DOCUMENT NO. 03628-2021)

On April 21, 2021, 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 Request for Extension of Confidential Classification of information contained in the Office of Public Counsel's (OPC) Response and Amended Supplemental Response to DEF's First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-6) on September 16, 2019, and September 19, 2019, respectively. (Document No. 03628-2021). This is a request for extension of confidential classification of Document No. 09342-2019.<sup>1</sup> However, portions of Document No. 09342-2019 have now been made public, thus DEF is no longer requesting confidential classification of that specific information. The updated filing and subject of the instant request, Document No. 03628-2021, displays the information DEF maintains as confidential.

Request for Confidential Classification

DEF contends that certain information contained in OPC's Response and Amended Supplemental Response to DEF's First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-6), submitted as Exhibit A to the October 11, 2019, Request continues to be proprietary confidential business information within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S., and continues to require confidential classification.

DEF contends that the information is proprietary and confidential business information within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. This information is intended to be and is treated as confidential by DEF, and the information has not been disclosed to the public. More specifically, the information at issue relates to claimed proprietary and confidential contractual third-party owned information such as incremental power costs. DEF asserts that if it cannot demonstrate to its third-party partners that DEF has the ability to protect those third-parties' confidential and proprietary business information, it will be less likely that DEF can secure contracts that benefit its customers. Therefore, DEF contends that this information is protected by Section 366.093(3)(e), F.S. Further, releasing the bid and contract data would impair the competitive businesses of DEF in violation of Section 366.093(3)(d), F.S.

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. PSC-2019-0458-CFO-EI, Issued October 24, 2019, in Docket No. 20190001-EI, *In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor.*

Ruling

Section 366.093(1), F.S., provides that records the 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:

(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 service on favorable terms.

(e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.

Some of the information originally included in DEF's Request for Confidential Classification is no longer confidential and therefore, DEF submitted revised exhibits along with its Request for Extension. Otherwise, nothing has changed since the issuance of Order No. PSC-2019-0458-CFO-EI to render the information stale or public such that continued confidential treatment would not be appropriate. Upon review, it appears the above-referenced information continues to satisfy the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information described above appears to be information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which could impair the competitive business of DEF. Thus, the information identified in Document No. 03628-2021, shall continue to 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 Subsection 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 Mike La Rosa, as Prehearing Officer, that Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Request for Extension of Confidential Classification for the Office of Public Counsel's Response and Amended Supplemental Response to DEF's First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-6) on September 16, 2019, and September 19, 2019, respectively (Document No. 03628-2021) is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 03628-2021, 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 Mike La Rosa, as Prehearing Officer, this 12th day of January, 2022.



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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.