

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20230001-EI  
ORDER NO. PSC-2023-0279-CFO-EI  
ISSUED: August 29, 2023

ORDER GRANTING DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S  
FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL  
CLASSIFICATION (DOCUMENT NOS. 12319-2021 AND 12370-2021)

On August 16, 2023, 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 First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification (Request) of its response to the Office of Public Counsel's (OPC) Sixth Set of Interrogatories No. 46 and OPC's Fifth Request to Produce Nos. 21, 22 and 24. This material was submitted on October 21, 2021, along with a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification (Document No. 12319-2021). On October 25, 2021, DEF submitted its response to OPC's Fifth Request to Produce No. 21 that had inadvertently been omitted from its October 21 filing (Document No. 12370-2021). This material was originally granted confidentiality by Order No. PSC-2022-0068-CFO-EI, issued on February 18, 2022.

Request for Confidential Classification

DEF contends that the information contained in its response to the Office of Public Counsel's (OPC) Sixth Set of Interrogatories No. 46 and OPC's Fifth Request to Produce Nos. 21, 22 and 24, more specifically described in Exhibit C to its Requests, continues to 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 the Office of Public Counsel's (OPC) Sixth Set of Interrogatories No. 46 consists of industry experience related to the damage, defect or failure identified in Bartow CC Event Report # 1141500. DEF contends that disclosure of these materials would reveal proprietary third-party owned information regarding component design and operation parameters which if disclosed would impair DEF's ability to contract for goods and services on favorable terms in the future as vendors would charge a "premium" if DEF could not protect their information. OPC's Fifth Request to Produce Nos. 21, 22, and 24 contain information regarding audit processes and procedures, specific contractual terms, third-party information, and insurance policy information. DEF contends that disclosure of this information would also impair its ability to contract for these services on the most favorable terms. DEF argues that this information is protected by Sections 366.093(3)(d) and (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:

(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 continues to satisfy the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information consists of proprietary third-party design and operating parameters as well as contractual terms, and insurance policy information which if disclosed would likely result in higher costs to DEF's ratepayers for these goods and services. Thus, the information identified in Document Nos. 12319-2021 and 12370-2021, 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 Mike La Rosa, as Prehearing Officer, that Duke Energy Florida, LLC's First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification of Document Nos. 12319-2021 and 12370-2021, is granted, as set forth herein. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document Nos. 12319-2021 and 12370-2021, 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 29th day of August, 2023.



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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.