

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 070001-EI  
ORDER NO. PSC-07-0859-CFO-EI  
ISSUED: October 26, 2007

ORDER GRANTING TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST  
FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION  
(DOCUMENT NO. 02851-07)

On April 2, 2007, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a request for confidential classification for the redacted number found on page 6, line 3 of the prefiled direct testimony of Joann T. Wehle, filed in this docket on April 2, 2007 (Document No. 02851-07).

Section 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that "any records received by the commission which are shown and found by the commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from [the Public Records Act]." Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes, 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)(e), Florida Statutes, provides that proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to "[i]nformation relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information."

TECO contends that the above-referenced information falls within these categories and thus constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. TECO states that this information is intended to be and is treated by TECO as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

TECO states that the information it seeks to protect shows the percentage of Tampa Electric's natural gas usage that was protected from price volatility as a result of the natural gas hedging activities in which the company engaged. TECO asserts that disclosure of this information would afford natural gas suppliers, brokers, and hedging counterparties with inside information on TECO's hedging strategies and prioritizations. TECO concludes that disclosure could adversely impact TECO's hedging activities and negotiations relating thereto. As a consequence, asserts TECO, the competitively sensitive information should be protected.

Upon review, it appears that the redacted number found on page 6, line 3 of the prefiled direct testimony of Joann T. Wehle satisfies the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes, for classification as proprietary confidential business information and, thus, shall be treated as confidential. The information constitutes "[i]nformation relating to competitive

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interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.” Thus, this information is granted confidential classification.

Section 366.093(4), Florida Statutes, provides that any finding by the Commission that records contain proprietary confidential business information shall be effective for a period not to exceed 18 months, absent good cause shown. Accordingly, the information identified in Document No. 02851-07, shall be granted confidential classification for a period of 18 months from the issuance of this Order.

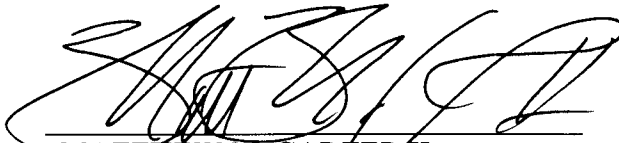
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Matthew M. Carter II, as Prehearing Officer, that Tampa Electric Company’s Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 02851-07 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 02851-07 for which confidential classification has been granted shall remain protected from disclosure for a period of eighteen 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 Matthew M. Carter II, as Prehearing Officer, this 26th day of October, 2007.



MATTHEW M. CARTER II  
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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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 Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, 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.