

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Complaint by Allied Universal Corporation and Chemical Formulators, Inc. Against Tampa Electric Company for violation of Sections 366.03, 366.06(2) and 366.07, F.S., with respect to rates offered under commercial/industrial service rider tariff; petition to examine and inspect confidential information; and request for expedited relief.

DOCKET NO. 000061-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-00-1889-CFO-EI
ISSUED: October 16, 2000

ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART REQUEST FOR
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF DOCUMENT NO. 07876-00

On January 20, 2000, Allied Universal Corporation and Chemical Formulators, Inc. (Allied) filed a formal complaint against Tampa Electric Company (TECO). The complaint alleges that: 1) TECO violated Sections 366.03, 366.06(2), and 366.07, Florida Statutes, by offering discriminatory rates under its Commercial/Industrial Service Rider (CISR) tariff; and, 2) TECO breached its obligation of good faith under Order No. PSC-98-1081A-FOF-EI. On March 28, 2000, Odyssey Manufacturing Company (Odyssey) requested permission to intervene, and that request was granted on April 18, 2000, in Order No. PSC-00-0762-PCO-EI.

On June 28, 2000, TECO filed, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, a request for confidential classification of portions of the Prepared Direct Testimony of Victoria L. Westra, Document No. 07876-00.

The specific portions of the testimony for which TECO requests confidential classification are as follows:

- (1) Page 2, lines 12 through 24
- (2) Page 4, lines 18 through 20
- (3) Page 10, lines 8 through 20
- (4) Index, Title and Page of Document No. 3
- (5) Title of Document No. 3 on Page 9 of Exhibit VLW-1
- (6) Pages 10 and 11 of Exhibit VLW-1, Document No. 3

Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, defines ~~proprietary~~ DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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confidential business information" as:

[I]nformation, 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.

TECO states that it deems the above referenced portions of the testimony confidential pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes.

I find that the following pages and lines meet the confidentiality criteria of Section 366.093, Florida Statutes:

- (1) Page 2, lines 20 through 24
- (2) Page 4, lines 18 through 20
- (3) Page 10, lines 12 through 20
- (4) Pages 10 and 11 of Exhibit VLW-1, Document No. 3

These excerpts contain specific information regarding TECO's negotiations with two customers pursuant to TECO's CISR tariff. Public disclosure of this information would harm the two customers and TECO's ability to negotiate future Contract Service Agreements under the CISR tariff that are favorable to TECO and its ratepayers. In addition, both the customers and TECO treat this information as private. Pursuant to Section 366.093(4), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, the confidentiality granted to this material expires in eighteen months, unless a renewed request for confidentiality is filed.

Confidential classification for the following excerpts is denied:

- (1) Page 2, line 12 through first word on line 20
- (2) Page 10, lines 8 through 10
- (3) Title and Page of Document No. 3 on Index
- (4) Title of Document No. 3 on Page 9 of Exhibit VLW-1

The lines on Page 2 describe, in general terms, the procedures TECO followed during its CISR negotiations and do not contain specific information regarding TECO's CISR negotiations. In addition, TECO's Prehearing Statement as filed on June 30, 2000, contains the same language. TECO did not request confidentiality of this information in the Prehearing Statement.

The lines on Page 10 reference an allegation made by Allied. This allegation can be found in Allied's complaint as filed on January 20, 2000, and is available to the public. With respect to the title of the document, while the documents itself may be confidential, the title of the document does not classify as confidential information. Public disclosure of the title of the document will not harm the competitive interests of TECO.

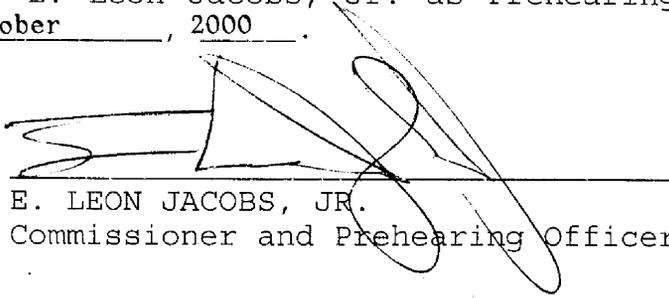
Based on the foregoing, it is therefore

ORDERED by E. Leon Jacobs, Jr., as Prehearing Officer, that the request by Tampa Electric Company for confidential treatment of information in Document No. 07876-00 is granted in part and denied in part as described in the body of this order. It is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Section 366.093(4), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, any confidentiality granted to the material specified herein shall expire eighteen (18) months from the date of the issuance of this Order, unless of a renewed request for confidentiality is filed in accordance with Section 366.093(4), Florida Statutes. 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 E. Leon Jacobs, Jr. as Prehearing Officer, this 16th Day of October, 2000.



E. LEON JACOBS, JR.
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, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) 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 Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 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.