#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 140001-EI ORDER NO. PSC-14-0479-CFO-EI ISSUED: September 10, 2014

# ORDER GRANTING FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION (DOCUMENT NOS. 03913-08, 03914-08, and 03915-08)

On May 29, 2008, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed a Request for Confidential Classification (Request) of certain information submitted by FPL in connection with Audit Control No. 08-003-4-2 (the Audit) (Document Nos. 03913-08, 03914-08, and 03915-08). This Request was filed in Docket No. 080001-EI.

## Request for Confidential Classification

FPL contends that designated portions of the information contained in the Audit, as more specifically described in its Exhibits C and D to its Request, constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093(3)(b), (c), (d), and (e), F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. FPL contends that this information is intended to be and is treated by FPL as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

FPL asserts that portions of the documents or materials provided in the Audit contain or constitute auditing controls and reports of external auditors or information relating to the same. FPL argues that these documents are therefore proprietary confidential business information pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(b), F.S.

FPL further asserts that some of the documents or material asserted by FPL to be proprietary confidential business information contain or constitute contractual data such as pricing and other terms, payment records, and vendor and supplier rates. According to FPL, the disclosure of this information would impair the efforts of FPL to contract for gas and oil procurement on favorable terms for the benefit of its customers. FPL also asserts that this would impair the competitive interests of FPL and its vendors. FPL contends that portions of the information would also place FPL at a disadvantage when coupled with other information that is publicly available.

## 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

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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:

- (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.

Upon review, it appears the above-referenced information satisfies the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information appears to be "internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors," "security measures, systems, or procedures," "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" and "information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information." Thus, the information identified in Document Nos. 03913-08, 03914-08, and 03915-08 shall be granted confidential classification.

Section 366.093(4), F.S., 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. FPL has not requested an extension of the 18 month period. Accordingly, the information identified in Document Nos. 03913-08, 03914-08, and 03915-08, shall be granted confidential classification for a period of 18 months from the 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 FPL 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 Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, that Florida Power & Light Company's Request for Confidential Classification of Document Nos. 03913-08, 03914-08, and 03915-08 is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document Nos. 03913-08, 03914-08, and 03915-08, for which confidential classification has been granted, shall remain protected from disclosure for a period of 18 months from the date of issuance of this Order. It is further

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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 Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, this <u>10th</u> day of <u>September</u>, <u>2014</u>.

JULIE I. BROWN

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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.