

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 160021-EI

In re: Petition for approval of 2016-2018 storm hardening plan, by Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 160061-EI

In re: 2016 depreciation and dismantlement study by Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 160062-EI

In re: Petition for limited proceeding to modify and continue incentive mechanism, by Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 160088-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-16-0331-CFO-EI
ISSUED: August 11, 2016

ORDER GRANTING FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S
SIXTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
(DOCUMENT NO. 05884-16)

On August 4, 2016, 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 for its responses to: American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)'s Third Request for Interrogatories Nos. 74; Office of Public Counsel (OPC) First Set of Interrogatories No. 3, Attachment 1; OPC's Eighteenth Request for Interrogatories No. 380; and Commission staff's First Supplemental (Amended) Request for Interrogatories No. 37 (Document No. 05884-16).

Request for Confidential Classification

FPL contends that information contained in its responses to: AARP's Third Request for Interrogatories Nos. 74; OPC's First Set of Interrogatories No. 3, Attachment 1; OPC's Eighteenth Request for Interrogatories No. 380; and Commission staff's First Supplemental (Amended) Request for Interrogatories No. 37 constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. FPL asserts that this information is intended to be and is treated by FPL as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

The information for which FPL seeks confidentiality consists of the following:

AARP

Third Request for Interrogatories No. 74 – FPL’s response includes details of the assumptions, calculations, and results of high level forecasts of revenue for the period 2019-2020 with the Okeechobee project in FPL’s rate base.

OPC

First Set of Interrogatories No. 3, Attachment 1 - FPL’s response contains detailed 2016-2020 budget and forecast information, e.g., ROE, capital structure, retail delivered sales, O&M, etc.

Eighteenth Request for Interrogatories No. 380 - FPL’s response contains a calculation of gains by asset optimization activity (natural gas purchases/sales, natural gas transportation capacity sales/purchases, etc.) from January 2010 to date.

Commission Staff

Staff’s First Supplemental (Amended) Request for Interrogatories No. 37 – FPL’s response contains details of various insurance expenses for calendar years 2011 to 2017.

FPL has requested that this information be granted confidentiality for a period of 18 months and returned to FPL as soon as the information is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

Ruling

Section 366.093(1), F.S., provides that records that the Commission has found to contain proprietary confidential 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 that has not been voluntarily disclosed to the public. Section 366.093(3), F.S., provides, in pertinent part, 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 that the above-referenced information satisfies the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3)(b), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The information at issue consists of details of insurance expenses, forecasts, and financial assumptions, all of which, if disclosed, could impair FPL's ability to negotiate goods and services at the lowest possible price and harm FPL's competitive interests. Thus, the information identified in Document No. 05884-16 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 FPL or another affected person shows, and the Commission finds, that the records continue to contain proprietary confidential business information.

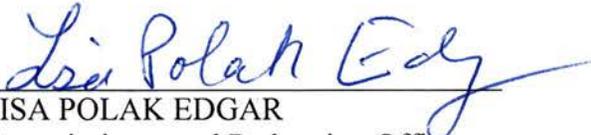
Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED by Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar, as Prehearing Officer, that Florida Power & Light Company's Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 05884-16, is granted, as set forth herein. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 05884-16, 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

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 Lisa Polak Edgar, as Prehearing Officer, this 11th day of August, 2016.


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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

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.