

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of the 2024-2025 outage of
Tampa Electric Company's Bayside Steam
Turbine Unit 2.

DOCKET NO. 20260053-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2026-0176-CFO-EI
ISSUED: May 27, 2026

ORDER GRANTING TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
(DOCUMENT NO. 02635-2026)

On May 6, 2026, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a Request for Confidential Classification (Request) of portions of its responses to the Office of Public Counsel's (OPC) Second Request for Production of Documents Nos. 3a, 3b, 3c, 4b, 5a, 5c, and 9e (Document No. 02635-2026).

Request for Confidential Classification

TECO contends that portions of the information contained in portions of its response to OPC's Second Request for Production of Documents Nos. 3a, 3b, 3c, 4b, 5a, 5c, and 9e constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. TECO asserts that this information is intended to be and is treated by TECO as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

The information contained in portions of its responses to OPC's Second Request for Production of Documents Nos. 3a, 3b, 3c, 4b, 5a, 5c, and 9e, for which confidentiality is requested, consists of materials prepared by GE Vernova, TG Advisors, and Entrust Solutions Group concerning the October 1, 2024 through August 15, 2025 forced outage at Bayside Steam Turbine No. 2. These materials also include TECO generated reports and operational procedures. Further, TECO states that these materials contain proprietary trade secrets of its third party vendors, the disclosure of which would harm the competitive business of its third party vendors. For these reasons, TECO argues that this information is protected by Sections 366.093(3)(a) 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:

- (a) Trade secrets.

(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 information and data provided in this request satisfies the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), F.S., for classification as proprietary confidential business information. The materials provided by the third party vendors fall within the definition of trade secrets and the TECO and third party operational procedures qualify as “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 No. 02635-2026 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 TECO 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 Gary F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, that Tampa Electric Company’s Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 02635-2026, is granted, as set forth herein. It is further

ORDERED that the information in Document No. 02635-2026, 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 Gary F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, this 27th day of May, 2026.



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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.