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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF WATER & WASTEWATER (REDEMAN) ^{PPR bsm}
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CROSBY) ^{PP}

RE: DOCKET NO. 970186-WU - LIGHTHOUSE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.
- REQUEST TO CORRECT DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY GRANTED BY
ORDER NO. PSC-93-1612-POF-WU
COUNTY: GULF

AGENDA: APRIL 14, 1997 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY
PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

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BACKGROUND

Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. (Lighthouse or utility) provides water service to approximately 558 water customers in Gulf County. Service is provide to the Cape San Blas area and around St. Joseph Bay. The annual report for 1995 shows that the annual operating revenue is \$201,716 and the net operating income is \$25,193. The utility is a Class B utility company under Commission jurisdiction.

On July 19, 1993, Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. (Lighthouse or utility) filed an application with this Commission to amend Certificate No. 491-W to include additional territory in Gulf County, Florida. Docket No. 930711-WU was opened to process the application. Order No. PSC-93-1612-FOF-WU, issued on November 4, 1993, in that Docket, granted Lighthouse an amendment of its service area based on information provided.

By letter dated February 6, 1997, Lighthouse advised this Commission that the territory description provided with its application contained an error and, therefore, the territory granted by Order No. PSC-93-1612-FOF-WU is incorrect. The incorrect portion of the description is "Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Sections 19, 30 & 31 Entire Sections." The territory description should read, "Township 8 South, Range 10 West, Sections 19, 30 & 31 Entire Sections." The maps submitted with the application were correct. Unaware of the error until recently, Lighthouse has been serving the correct territory. In its letter, Lighthouse requested that the description of its service area, as shown on its certificate and tariffs, be amended to reflect the correct territory. This case is being brought to the attention of the Commission to correct Order No. PSC-93-1612-FOF-WU.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.'s request to correct the description of its service area be granted?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The territory in Order No. PSC-1612-FOF-WU should be corrected to reflect the territory shown on Attachment A of this recommendation. (REDEMANN, CROSBY)

STAFF ANALYSIS: As stated previously, the application filed by Lighthouse in Docket No. 930711-WU, included a territory description which contained a typographical error. The description indicated that Lighthouse was requesting to serve "Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Sections 19, 30 & 31 Entire Sections" instead of "Township 8 South, Range 10 West, Sections 19, 30 & 31 Entire Sections." The utility also provided maps which reflected the correct township, range and sections.

Lighthouse has been serving the correct territory since the Commission granted it the amendment by Order No. PSC-93-1612-FOF-WU, issued on November 4, 1993, in Docket No. 930711-WU. The utility only recently became aware of the error. The Commission was advised of the discrepancy by letter dated February 6, 1997, from Mr. William J. Rish, Jr., President of Lighthouse.

Staff has reviewed the original application for amendment and the information in Lighthouse's letter, and recommends that the Commission grant Lighthouse's request to correct the territory description in Order No. PSC-93-1612-FOF-WU. The territory is shown on Attachment A of this recommendation.

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ISSUE 2: Should this Docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, the docket should be closed. (CROSBY)

STAFF ANALYSIS: No further action is necessary and the docket should be closed.

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ATTACHMENT A

LIGHTHOUSE UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.

TERRITORY DESCRIPTION - GULF COUNTY

ORDER NO. PSC-93-1612-FOF-WU (CORRECTED)

Township 8 South, Range 10 West

Sections 19, 30 & 31 Entire Sections

Township 8 South, Range 11 West

Section 25 Entire Section

Sections 35 & 36 Entire Sections

Township 9 South, Range 10 West

Section 14 Entire Section

Section 15 Entire Section less Indian Lagoon

Section 16 Entire Section

Section 17 Entire Section

Section 20 Entire Section less Indian Lagoon and the Gulf of Mexico

Section 21 Entire Section less Indian Lagoon and the Gulf of Mexico

Section 22 Entire Section less Indian Lagoon and the Gulf of Mexico

Township 9 South, Range 11 West

Section 1 Entire Section

Section 2 Entire Section less St. Joseph Bay