



Public Service Commission
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DATE: January 31, 2003
TO: Alice Crosby, Office of the General Counsel
FROM: Thomas Walden, Division of Economic Regulation
RE: Docket No. 021034-WU; Application for amendment of Certificate No. 363-W to add territory in Marion County (Sandy Acres) by Sunshine Utilities of Central Florida, Inc.

Sunshine Utilities of Central Florida, Inc. (Sunshine) is a Class B water utility company serving 3233 ERCs. The 2001 annual report on file with this Commission lists operating revenues of \$814,634, with net operating income of \$34,317. The utility's service area lies primarily in the St. Johns River Water Management District, although a few systems are west of I-75, and therefore are in the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

The utility filed this application for amendment on October 9, 2002, to amend Certificate No. 363-W, pursuant to Section 367.045(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.036, Florida Administrative Code. The application is in compliance with the governing statute, and other pertinent statutes and rules concerning amendment of certificates. The application included a check in the amount of \$100 which is the correct filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code. The utility has furnished evidence in the form of a deed that confirms the utility's ownership and continued use of the water plant site in Sandy Acres, as required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(d), Florida Administrative Code.

A map of the territory to be served and a territory description as required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(e) and (f) have been provided. A description of the territory is appended to this memorandum as Attachment A. The territory requested will serve mobile homes and one convenience store. The majority of the area requested is already being provided service, which was discovered by the staff during the processing of the transfer of this system to Sunshine in Docket No. 011632-WU (transfer of Linadale Water Company to Sunshine Utilities of Central Florida, Inc.). The transfer was approved in Order No. PSC-02-1832-PAA-WU, issued December 20, 2002.

The utility has submitted an affidavit consistent with Section 25-30.036(3)(r), Florida Administrative Code, that it has tariffs and annual reports on file with the Commission. The application contains proof of compliance with the noticing provisions set forth in Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code. No objection was received and the time for such has expired.

The utility states that the need for service is justified because the territory description provided by the seller of this system in Docket No. 011632-WU did not include certain locations of existing service. This amendment includes all those locations, as well as the area already certificated to the seller. The area will be served with the current water plant in Sandy Acres, which has two wells.

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The Department of Community Affairs states that there are no growth management issues involved in this application. The amendment requested involves Sandy Acres, located in a rural area of unincorporated Marion County, where the comprehensive plan allows water facilities because the mobile home subdivision contains recognized lots of record that existed prior to the adoption of the plan.

The utility states it has the financial ability to provide service, and that its four service technicians render reasonable, sufficient and efficient service. There will be no impact upon the utility's monthly rates, as the area requested is already being served. Sunshine has been providing water service in Marion County for more than 20 years. Therefore, staff believes that the utility has the financial and technical ability to provide service to the Sandy Acres system.

A revised tariff sheet will be prepared adding this territory to Sunshine's tariff. A tariff revision is currently pending involving the acquisition of two other systems by Sunshine.

Based upon the above information, staff believes it is in the public interest to grant the application of Sunshine for amendment of Certificate No. 363-W. An administrative order should be issued granting the application. Pursuant to APM 2.07(C)(11), applications for amendment may be granted administratively when they are filed and processed in accordance with Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, and no protests have been filed. This application meets the criteria specified in the APM.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

TJW

cc: Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

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ATTACHMENT A

Sunshine Utilities of Central Florida, Inc.

Water Service Area for Sandy Acres

Marion County

In Township 17 South, Range 26 East, Marion County:

The SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 29
The W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 29
The SE 1/4 of Section 30
The E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31
The W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 32