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DATE: February 20, 2024

TO: Jennifer S. Crawford, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the General Counsel

FROM: Thomas E. Ballinger, Director, Division of Engineering *TB*

RE: Docket No. 20230134-WS - Joint application for acknowledgement of corporate reorganization and approval of name change on Certificate No. 580-S in Franklin Counties from SGI Wastewater Services, Inc. to North Florida Community Water Systems, Inc.

On December 12, 2023, a request was filed on behalf of SGI Wastewater Services, Inc. (SGI) and North Florida Community Water Systems, Inc. (NFCWS) (collectively the “Utility”) for acknowledgement of corporate reorganization and approval of name change of the Utility. The Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) granted SGI original wastewater Certificate No. 580-S in Franklin County in 2022.¹ There have been no certificate actions since that time.

Rule 25-30.039, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), sets forth the filing requirements for changes in name only, with no change in the ownership or control of the utility or its assets. The Utility provided a statement attesting that there will be no change in the ownership or control of the Utility and its assets. The parties also provided documentation from the Florida Department of State (DOS), Division of Corporations, regarding the Articles of Merger of SGI and NFCWS showing that NFCWS would be the surviving corporation effective January 1, 2024. The parties also provided documentation from the DOS amending NFCWS’s Articles of Incorporation, effective January 1, 2024. On February 8, 2024, the Utility filed a written affirmation stating that it mailed the approved customer notice to its customers with their bill on January 12, 2024. Staff has reviewed the Utility’s filings and finds that the request for acknowledgement of change in name is in compliance with the provisions of Rule 25-30.039, F.A.C.

Section 2.07(C)(2)(a) of the Commission’s Administrative Procedures Manual grants the Director of the appropriate technical division and the Office of the General Counsel authority to approve changes of names and corporate reorganizations of regulated utilities, where no change of ownership or control or transfer of assets is involved, by notifying the Office of Commission Clerk. Therefore, staff recommends that an administrative order be issued within 30 days acknowledging the change of name on Certificate No. 580-S from SGI Wastewater Services, Inc. to North Florida Community Water Systems, Inc. The resultant order should serve as the

¹Order No. PSC-2022-0272-PAA-SU, issued July 14, 2022, in Docket No. 20220057-SU, *In re: Application for original wastewater certificate for existing utility currently charging for service in Franklin County, by SGI Wastewater Services, Inc.*

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Utility's wastewater certificate and should be retained by the Utility. Finally, upon issuance of the order, the docket should be closed.

TB/MW/da

Attachment

cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20230134-WS)

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Authorizes

**North Florida Community Water Systems, Inc.
pursuant to
Certificate Number 580-S**

to provide wastewater service in Franklin County, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, and the Rules, regulations, and Orders of this Commission in the territory described by the Orders of this Commission. This authorization shall remain in force and effect until superseded, suspended, cancelled or revoked by Order of this Commission.

<u>Order Number</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Filing Type</u>
PSC-2022-0272-PAA-SU	07/14/2022	20220057-SU	Original Certificate
*	*	20230134-SU	Name Change

*** Order Number and date to be provided at time of issuance.**