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September 17, 2024

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VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket No. 20240113-WU - Application for grandfather certificate to operate water utility in Citrus County by Hash Utilities, LLC. (Meadow Wood Water System)

Dear Mr. Hash:

Staff has reviewed Hash Utilities, LLC's application for a certificate to provide water service to the Meadow Wood community in Citrus County. After reviewing this information, we find the application to be deficient. The specific deficiencies are identified as follows:

- Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations Documentation.** Rule 25-30.035(4)(a), Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.), requires that the applicant provide documentation from the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, showing the utility's business name and registration/document number for the business, unless operating as a sole proprietor. Please provide the required documentation from the Division of Corporations.
- Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN).** Rule 25-30.035(3), F.A.C., requires that the applicant provide certain information about the utility, including the FEIN. Please provide the FEIN or explain why Hash Utilities, LLC does not require one.
- Legal description.** Rule 25-30.035(10), F.A.C., requires that the applicant provide a legal description of the territory proposed to be served, in the format prescribed in Rule 25-30.029, F.A.C. Rule 25-30.029(2)(b), F.A.C., states that a complete and accurate description of the service area should be provided in either a sections format or a metes and bounds format, shall have a point of beginning referenced from either a section corner or a subsection corner, and not rely on references to government lots, recorded plats or lots, tracts, or other recorded instruments. Verification of the legal description is pending the submission of the proposed service territory map that meets the requirements of Rule 25-30.035(15), F.A.C., described below.

4. **Territory map.** Rule 25-30.035(15), F.A.C., requires an official county tax assessment map or other map showing township, range, and section with a scale such as 1'' = 200' or 1'' = 400', with the proposed territory plotted thereon, consistent with the legal description provided pursuant to Rule 25-30.035(10), F.A.C. The following list of corrections will need to be made to the territory map provided:
 - a. The map must include a graphical scale, not just a notation that one inch equals a certain number of feet.
 - b. Based on distances referenced in the legal description, it appears that the map provided is not to scale. The map should be resized as appropriate such that the graphical scale accurately measures one inch.
 - c. The map should accurately show the whole section so that the subsections referenced can be properly identified.
 - d. While the reference to a power line is not an acceptable boundary reference according to Rule 25-30.029(2), F.A.C., all referenced boundaries should be clearly shown on the map. The legal description relies on State Road No. 44 but it does not appear that the map depicts a road designated as State Road No. 44.

Please submit a territory map that accurately depicts the territory being requested and that is drawn to scale, consistent with the requirements of Rule 25-30.029(2), F.A.C., and that meets all of the requirements of Rule 25-30.035(15), F.A.C.

Your application will not be deemed filed until the deficiencies identified in this letter have been corrected. These corrections should be submitted no later than **Thursday, October 17, 2024**, to the following address:

Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Should you have any questions concerning the information in this letter, please feel free to contact Mrs. Melinda Watts by phone at (850) 413-6952 or email at mwatts@psc.state.fl.us for technical questions, or Mr. Major Thompson by phone at (850) 413-6076 or email at major.thompson@psc.state.fl.us for legal questions. Please include the docket number on all submissions to the Commission Clerk.

Sincerely,

s/Melinda Watts

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cc: Division of the Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20240113-WU)