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September 17, 2024

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VIA EMAIL

Re: Docket No. 20240115-WU - Application for grandfather certificate to operate water utility in Citrus County by Hash Utilities, LLC. (Avalon Hills Water System)

Dear Mr. Hash:

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

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Schedule of Current Customers.** Rule 25-30.035(9), F.A.C., requires that the applicant provide the number of customers currently served, by class and meter size, as well as the number of customers projected to be served when the requested service territory is fully developed. Avalon Hills' application contains a schedule listed as "Exhibit A" which indicates the number of customers with 5/8" x 3/4" meters, but does not specify the class of these customers (i.e. residential or general service). Elsewhere in the application, the Utility states that it serves single family homes, mobile homes, and multi-unit dwellings. Additionally, it appears from the system map provided that the requested service territory is not built out. Please provide the number of customers currently served by class and meter size, indicate whether the multi-unit dwellings served are residential or general

service customers and confirm the meter size that serves them, and provide the number of customers projected to be served when the requested territory is fully developed.

4. **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.
5. **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. The map should indicate the appropriate township, range, and county.
 - e. The map should contain a legend that specifies unique markings for the territory boundary and township/section/range boundaries
 - f. The map should specify the Point of Beginning and, if not the same, a Point of Commencement referenced from a section or subsection corner.

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.

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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. Daniel Dose by phone at (850) 413-6846 or email at ddose@psc.state.fl.us for legal questions. Please include the docket number on all submissions to the Commission Clerk.

Sincerely,

s/Melinda Watts

Melinda Watts
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cc: Division of the Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20240115-WU)