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Re: Docket No. 20260032-WU
Application for Transfer of Facilities of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. and Water
Certificate No. 401-W to Sunshine Water Services Company in Highlands County

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing is Sunshine Water Services Company's Request for Confidential Classification and Request for Temporary Protective Order of certain information contained in its Application for Transfer of Facilities of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. and Water Certificate No. 401-W to Sunshine Water Services Company in Highlands County. Also attached is an accompanying USB containing the public (redacted) version of these documents.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew J Jones

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Attachment

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for Transfer of Facilities
of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. and Water
Certificate No. 401-W to Sunshine Water
Services Company in Highlands County

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**SUNSHINE WATER SERVICES COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
AND REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Sunshine Water Services Company ("SWS" or the "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests confidential classification of the yellow highlighted information contained in the following described document(s) ("the Document(s)") stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" and all information that is or may be printed on yellow paper stock stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" within the Document(s), all of said confidential information being hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information."

Description of the Document(s)

On this date, SWS filed its Application for Transfer of Facilities of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. and Water Certificate No. 401-W to Sunshine Water Services Company in Highlands County ("Water Application"). The Company believes that portions of its Exhibit Q to the Water Application, as specified on Exhibit "A," constitute Confidential Information and has designated it as such by highlighting. Contemporaneously with the filing of this request, SWS submitted the Confidential Information to the Commission Clerk under a separate, confidential cover letter. SWS requests confidential classification for this information such that it will be entitled to protection against public disclosure pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes. In support of this request, the Company states:

1. Subsection 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that any records “found by the Commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes [requiring disclosure under the Public Records Act].” Proprietary confidential business information includes but is not limited to: (a) trade secrets; (b) internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors; (c) security measures, systems, or procedures; (d) information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms; (e) information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information; and (f) employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities. §366.093(3)(a)-(f), Fla. Stat. The Confidential Information that is the subject of this request and motion falls within one or more of these statutory categories and, thus, constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a justification for confidential treatment of the Confidential Information contained in the Documents.

3. Exhibit “B” contains the public versions of the Documents with the Confidential Information.

4. The Confidential Information contained in the Documents is intended to be and is treated by SWS as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

5. For the same reasons set forth herein in support of its request for confidential classification and in the event the Office of Public Counsel intervenes in this

docket and wants access to the confidential documents, SWS also moves the Commission for entry of a Temporary Protective Order pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6)(a), Florida Administrative Code.

Requested Duration of Confidential Classification

6. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(9)(a), SWS requests that the Confidential Information be treated by the Commission as confidential proprietary business information for 18 months. If, and to the extent that the Company is in need of confidential classification of the Confidential Information beyond the 18-month period set forth in the Commission rule, the justification and grounds for such extended confidential treatment are set forth in Exhibit "C" to this request and motion.

WHEREFORE, Sunshine Water Services Company respectfully requests that the Confidential Information that is the subject of this request and motion be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth herein and for 18 months.

DATED this 27th day of February 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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**EXHIBIT A
JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

| Exhibit Q to the Application For Transfer of Facilities of Placid Lakes Utilities, Inc. and Water Certificate No. 401-W To Sunshine Water Services Company In Highlands County | | | |
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| Bates Page Nos. | Document Description | Description of Information | Justification |
| Bates Nos. 940 - 963 | Financial Statements of Nexus Regulated Utilities, LLC. | The Highlighted Information. | (5) |

Justifications

- (1) The highlighted information relates to trade secrets, and is protected under section 366.093(3)(a), Florida Statutes.
- (2) The highlighted information relates to internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors, and is protected under section 366.093(3)(b), Florida Statutes.
- (3) The highlighted information pertains to security measures, systems or procedures and is protected under section 366.093(3)(c), Florida Statutes.
- (4) The highlighted information concerns bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the company or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms and is protected under Section 366.093(d), Florida Statutes.
- (5) The highlighted information relates to confidential financial information which constitutes competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information. This information is protected by section 366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes.
- (6) The highlighted information relates to employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities. This information is protected under section 366.093(f), Florida Statutes.
- (7) The highlighted information consists of the proprietary work product of certain third parties, disclosure of this information would allow duplication of this entity's work without compensation for their efforts. This information is in the nature of a trade secret owned by such entities and disclosure of this information would impair competitive business interests by revealing competitive pricing related information. This information is protected Section 366.093(3)(a) and (e), Florida Statutes.

EXHIBIT B
PUBLIC VERSION(S) OF THE DOCUMENT(S)

Attached hereto (unless previously filed as may be noted below) are two public versions of the Document(s) with the Confidential Information redacted.

Public Version(s) of the Document(s) attached _____

Public Version(s) of the Document(s) attached via USB X

EXHIBIT C
JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIALITY PERIOD

N/A