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In Re: Docket No. 20260029-WS, Application for acknowledgment of name change on water Certificate No. 354-W and wastewater Certificate No. 310-S in Lee County from Useppa Island Utility, Inc. to Useppa Island Utilities Company, Inc.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing in the above captioned docket is the Affidavit of Ronald Harris in support of the name change.

The purpose of this name change is solely to get the Commission's records to align with the actual corporate name on file with the Florida Secretary of State's Division of Corporations; unfortunately, the Commission's records have reflected several variations of the company's name, but never the correct corporate name. There is no other change in ownership, control, or structure associated with the name change.

Under separate filing will be the tariff reflecting this change.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please let me know. Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

BERGER SINGERMAN LLP



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re:)
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Application for acknowledgment of name)
change on water Certificate No. 354-W) Docket No. 20260029
and wastewater Certificate No. 310-S in)
Lee County from Useppa Island Utility,)
Inc. to Useppa Island Utilities Company,)
Inc.)
_____)

AFFIDAVIT OF RONALD HARRIS

Director and Vice President of USEPPA ISLAND UTILITIES COMPANY, INC.

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Lee

I, Ronald Harris, being first duly sworn, declare under oath as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the information contained in this affidavit and, if called upon to testify in this proceeding, I would competently testify to the matters addressed herein.

2. I am the Director and Vice President of USEPPA ISLAND UTILITIES COMPANY, INC., a Florida corporation. I am also a Certified Public Accountant in private practice and have been the principal accountant for Useppa Island Utilities Company, Inc. for 41 years.

3. My business address is 5260 Summerlin Commons Way #304, Fort Myers, FL 33907.

4. On or about March 23, 1981, Useppa Island Utilities Company, Inc. was incorporated with the State of Florida as a Florida for profit corporation, and assigned Document Number F26381. A copy of the Florida Secretary of State, Corporations Division record is attached here to as Exhibit A.

5. In 1981, the ownership of Useppa Island Utilities Company, Inc. also filed for and ultimately obtained certificates to operate a water and sewer utility in Lee County, Florida. Unfortunately, due to oversight or inadvertence, the name of the utility on the application and the docket was Useppa Island Utilities, Inc. (i.e., no "Company" in the name). This request was processed in Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 19810268. The Commission ultimately issued Certificate 354W for the water service and Certificate 310S for the sewer service. A copy of the Commission order granting these certificates was not available on the PSC's website.

6. To make matters worse with respect to the use of the correct corporate name by this utility, over subsequent filings with the PSC, different variations of the name were used. The Commission's records reflect the following names on dockets:

- Docket No. 19850206, Application of Useppa Island Utilities, Inc. for interim and permanent rate increase in Lee County (same name used as Docket 19810268).
- Docket No. 19860291, Show cause proceedings against Useppa Island Utilities, Inc. in Lee County, for failure to comply with 1984 annual report requirements (same name used as Docket 19810268).
- Docket No. 19921049, Application for a staff-assisted rate case in Lee County by Useppa Island Utility, Inc. (the word "Utilities" is now singular).

- Docket No. 19960149, Initiation of show cause proceedings against Useppa Island Utility, Inc. in Lee County for failure to timely file 1993 annual report (also “Utility” like Docket 19921049).
- Docket No. 19960975, Application for staff-assisted rate case in Lee County by Useppa Island Utility, Inc. (also “Utility” like Dockets 19921049 and 19960149).
- Docket No. 20000090, Application for limited proceeding rate increase in Lee County by Useppa Island Utility, Inc. (also “Utility” like Dockets 19921049, 19960149, and 19960975).
- Docket No. 20060575, Application for staff-assisted rate case in Lee County by Useppa Utility Company Inc. (name drops “Island” and adds “Company”).
- Docket No. 20110260, Application for staff-assisted rate case in Lee County by Useppa Island Utilities Co., Inc. (“Island” added back and “Co.” also added).
- Docket No. 20250146, Joint application for transfer of water and wastewater facilities, water Certificate No. 354-W and wastewater Certificate No. 310-S of Useppa Island Utilities Company, Inc. to UIP Utilities Company, LLC, in Lee County (docket uses legal name that matches the Florida Secretary of State Corporations Division name).

7. In addition to these docket names, the name as it has appeared on the Commission’s Annual Reports also reflects a variation of names. For example, in 2011, when the utility filed for a staff assisted rate case using Useppa Island Utilities Co., Inc., the name on the 2011 Annual Report filed with the PSC was Useppa Island Utility, Inc. (“Island” was singular, and no “Co.”).

8. It is not possible to go back and reconstruct all the variations in names utilized by the company or the name used on customer billing records since Hurricane Ian destroyed the

company's business office and all of its records. Nevertheless, the company has always, consistently, used its correct corporate name in all of its Secretary of State Corporations Divisions filings, which is its true, legal name. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said with its PSC filings. Whether by ignorance, oversight, or plain sloppiness, the name used in the PSC record has been inconsistent and, as far as I can tell, never the true legal corporate name, Useppa Island Utilities Company, Inc.

9. In jointly filing Docket No. 20250146 to transfer the utility's certificates and facilities to UIP Utilities Company, LLC, the ongoing issues with not using the correct name as was originally identified on the water and wastewater certificates, and this name being inconsistent with the actual, legal corporate name, has unnecessarily complicated the record in the transfer docket. With the Commission opening Docket No. 20260029, it is possible to set the record straight and have the utility's name in the PSC records align with the correct legal name of the utility.

10. In making this name change with the PSC, the sole purpose of the change is to make the name of the regulated utility the same as the correct legal name. I do hereby state that there is no change in ownership or control of the utility or its assets by this name change.

11. I also state that there is no change in legal name – the correct legal name has always been Useppa Island Utilities Company, Inc. The sole purpose of this docket is to correct the records of the PSC so that the regulated utility's name is its correct legal name and, therefore so the regulated name agrees with the Florida Secretary of State Corporations Division legal name. There is no filing changing anything with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations. See Exhibit A, which shows the history of the Corporations Division filings since 1996 (all that is available online).

12. A separate notice to customers and the updated tariff shall be separately provided to the Commission for its review and approval.

13. On behalf of the utility, we apologize for the past inconsistent filings and the failure to use the correct legal name of the utility.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT



RONALD HARRIS

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this 25 day of February, 2026 by RONALD HARRIS.



Notary Public/State of Florida

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