

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for Name) DOCKET NO. 970028-WS
Change on Certificates 84-W,) ORDER NO. PSC-97-0427-FOF-WS
171-W, 368-W, 373-W, 106-W,) ISSUED: April 16, 1997
422-W, 46-W, 177-W, 452-W, 03-W,)
570-W, 002-W, 554-W, 501-W,)
238-W, 562-W, 279-W, 209-W,)
66-W, 306-W, 76-W, 189-W, 435-S,)
182-S, 482-S, 226-S, 284-S,)
154-S, 289-S, 73-S, 122-S,)
319-S, 120-S, 359-S, 047-S,)
124-S, 386-S, 134-S, 496-S,)
255-S, and 322-S in Bradford,)
Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus,)
Clay, Collier, Duval, Hernando,)
Highlands, Lake, Lee, Marion,)
Martin, Nassau, Orange, Osceola,)
Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole,)
St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia,)
and Washington Counties, from)
Southern States Utilities, Inc.)
to Florida Water Services)
Corporation.)

ORDER APPROVING NAME CHANGE AND CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 7, 1997, Southern States Utilities, Inc. (Southern States) filed an application with this Commission requesting approval to change the name on its water and wastewater certificates to Florida Water Services Corporation (Florida Water), pursuant to Rule 25-30.039, Florida Administrative Code, and to make minor corrections to its tariff. Southern States currently holds Water Certificates Nos. 554-W (Bradford County), 002-W (Brevard County), 570-W (Charlotte County), 189-W (Citrus County), 03-W (Clay County), 452-W (Collier County), 177-W (Duval County), 46-W (Hernando County), 422-W (Highlands County), 106-W (Lake County), 306-W (Lee and Charlotte Counties), 373-W (Marion County), 368-W (Martin County), 171-W (Nassau County), 84-W (Orange County), 66-W (Osceola County), 209-W (Pasco County), 587-W (Polk County), 76-W (Putnam County), 562-W (St. Johns County), 279-W (Seminole County), 238-W (Volusia County), and 501-W (Washington County). Southern States also holds Wastewater Certificates Nos. 496-S (Charlotte County), 134-S (Citrus County), 386-S (Collier County), 124-S (Duval County), 047-S (Hernando County), 359-S (Highlands County), 120-S (Lake County), 255-S (Lee & Charlotte Counties),

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322-S (Marion County), 319-S (Martin County), 122-S (Nassau County), 73-S (Orange County), 289-S (Osceola County), 154-S (Pasco County), 506-S (Polk County), 284-S (Putnam County), 482-S (St. Lucie County), 226-S (Seminole County), 182-S (Volusia County), and 435-S (Washington County).

According to Southern States' application, ownership and control of the utility and its assets will not change under the new name. Southern States has filed amended Articles of Incorporation with the Department of State reflecting the name change. The change of Southern States' name to Florida Water became effective on January 2, 1997.

Southern States' application included a copy of the notice which has been sent to its customers informing them of the name change. Southern States also filed proposed revisions to its water and wastewater tariffs. Southern States' rates and charges will not be affected by the name change or the tariff revisions. The revisions to the tariff are related to the name change or are minor changes to reflect past orders such as new jurisdictional counties, counties no longer jurisdictional, amendments approved during the pendency of the approval of the name change, rule changes, and text changes. Each change has been reviewed to verify compliance with rules and orders.

We, therefore, find that Southern States' request to change its name is in compliance with the provisions of Rules 25-30.032 and 25-30.039, Florida Administrative Code. Accordingly, we find it appropriate to approve Southern States' request to change its name to Florida Water on Certificates Nos. 554-W, 002-W, 570-W, 189-W, 03-W, 452-W, 177-W, 46-W, 422-W, 106-W, 306-W, 373-W, 368-W, 171-W, 84-W, 66-W, 209-W, 587-W, 76-W, 562-W, 279-W, 238-W, 501-W, 496-S, 134-S, 386-S, 124-S, 047-S, 359-S, 120-S, 255-S, 322-S, 319-S, 122-S, 73-S, 289-S, 154-S, 506-S, 284-S, 482-S, 226-S, 182-S, and 435-S. All of the certificates have been returned to the Commission for entry reflecting the new name, Florida Water. Revised tariff sheets have been filed reflecting the name change and the minor corrections requested by Southern States. The revised tariff shall be effective for connections made or service provided on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets.

Because no further action is necessary, this docket shall be closed.

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It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the request of Southern States Utilities, Inc. to change its name to Florida Water Services Corporation, 1000 Color Place, Apopka, Florida 32703, is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that Certificates Nos. 554-W, 002-W, 570-W, 189-W, 03-W, 452-W, 177-W, 46-W, 422-W, 106-W, 306-W, 373-W, 368-W, 171-W, 84-W, 66-W, 209-W, 587-W, 76-W, 562-W, 279-W, 238-W, 501-W, 496-S, 134-S, 386-S, 124-S, 047-S, 359-S, 120-S, 255-S, 322-S, 319-S, 122-S, 73-S, 289-S, 154-S, 506-S, 284-S, 482-S, 226-S, 182-S, and 435-S, held by Southern States Utilities, Inc., are hereby amended to reflect its new name, Florida Water Services Corporation. It is further

ORDERED that the revised tariff reflecting the name change shall be effective for connections made or service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 970028-WS is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 16th day of April, 1997.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.