

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for expedited transfer of water facilities to Gulf County, and cancellation of Certificate No. 491-W, by Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20200254-WU
ORDER NO. PSC-2021-0067-FOF-WU
ISSUED: February 3, 2021

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING TRANSFER OF WATER FACILITIES
AND CANCELING CERTIFICATE NO. 491-W

BY THE COMMISSION:

Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. (Lighthouse or Utility) is a Class B water utility providing service to approximately 1,900 residential water customers in Gulf County. On December 8, 2020, Lighthouse filed an application for transfer of its water facilities to Gulf County, and cancellation of Certificate No. 491-W. The application included an Asset Purchase Agreement between Lighthouse and Gulf County which was finalized on November 24, 2020. Pursuant to Section 367.071(4), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the sale of facilities to a governmental authority shall be approved as a matter of right. As such, no notice of the transfer is required and no filing fees apply.

Furthermore, pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S., and Rule 25-30.038(2)(d), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the Utility provided a copy of the document transferring the Utility's water facilities. In accordance with Rule 25-30.038(2)(f) and (g), F.A.C., the Utility stated that customer deposits were not collected, and its regulatory assessment fees will be paid when due. Additionally, the Utility provided a copy of its 2019 Annual Report to Gulf County.

We have jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.071, F.S.

Based on the above, we find that the application is in compliance with Sections 367.022(2) and 367.071, F.S., and Rule 25-30.038, F.A.C. We therefore acknowledge the transfer of Lighthouse's water system to Gulf County as a matter of right, pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S., and cancel Certificate No. 491-W effective November 24, 2020.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the application of Lighthouse Utilities Company, Inc. for transfer of water facilities as set forth herein to Gulf County is hereby acknowledged, effective November 24, 2020. It is further

ORDERED that Certificate No. 491-W is hereby canceled, effective November 24, 2020. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 3rd day of February, 2021.



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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 Office of Commission Clerk, 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 Office of Commission Clerk, 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.