

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for transfer of water and wastewater facilities to St. Johns County, and cancellation of Certificate Nos. 645-W and 553-S, by North Beach Utilities, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20240153-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-2024-0501-FOF-WS
ISSUED: December 17, 2024

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING TRANSFER AND CANCELLING
CERTIFICATE NOS. 645-W AND 553-S

BY THE COMMISSION:

North Beach Utilities, Inc. (North Beach) is a Class B utility providing service to approximately 1,400 water and wastewater customers in St. Johns County. On November 1, 2024, North Beach filed an application for transfer of its water and wastewater facilities to St. Johns County and cancellation of Certificate Nos. 645-W and 553-S. The application included an agreement for the purchase and sale of utility assets between North Beach and St. Johns County, which was executed on May 7, 2024. 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.), North Beach Utilities, Inc. provided a copy of the document transferring its water and wastewater facilities. In accordance with Rule 25-30.038(2)(f) and (g), F.A.C., North Beach stated that it will credit customer deposits on the final bill, and refund any excess deposits. North Beach will pay the regulatory assessment fees when due. St. Johns County obtained the required financial information from North Beach.

We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 367.071, F.S.

Based on the above, the application is in compliance with Sections 367.022(2) and 367.071, F.S., and Rule 25-30.038, F.A.C. The transfer of the water and wastewater systems to St. Johns County is hereby acknowledged as a matter of right, pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S. and Certificate Nos. 645-W and 553-S are hereby canceled, effective May 7, 2024.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the transfer of North Beach Utilities, Inc.'s water and wastewater facilities to St. Johns County is hereby acknowledged as a matter of right. It is further

ORDERED that Certificate Nos. 645-W and 553-S are canceled, effective May 7, 2024. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 17th day of December, 2024.



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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.