

M E M O R A N D U M

August 13, 1993

TO : DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (JABER)
DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM : DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER (MCROY) *J. J. M. W.*

RE : DOCKET NO. 930443-WS, APPLICATION BY SOUTHERN STATES
UTILITIES, INC. FOR AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATES NO. 76-W
AND 284-S IN PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA

Southern States Utilities, Inc. (SSU or Utility) provides water and wastewater service in 27 counties throughout the State of Florida. The annual report for 1992 indicates that the operating revenue for water is \$19,042,175 and wastewater \$9,370,486. The net operating income for water is \$2,979,619 and for wastewater is (\$611,642). The Utility is a Class A utility company under FPSC jurisdiction.

On April 29, 1993, the utility applied for an amendment to Water Certificate Nos. 76-W and 284-S in Putnam County, Florida. The proposed extensions are to the utility's six current water and wastewater systems in Putnam County, Beecher's Point, Interlachen Lake Estates, Palm Port, River Park, Saratoga Harbor and Wootens. An objection was received for SSU's amendment to its Water Certificate No. 76-W in Putnam County. Mrs. James Swayze formally withdrew her objection to SSU's amendment by a letter addressed to the Commission on July 19, 1993.

The proposed territories are immediately adjacent to the utility's existing territory in Putnam County. SSU is currently serving customers in the proposed amendment areas. SSU is currently in compliance with Order No. PSC-93-0202-FOF-WS, issued on February 9, 1993. That order approved SSU's schedule for submitting amendment applications.

SSU's proposed amendments are in a critical use area as defined by the St. Johns River Water Management District. The six developments have small water plants which provide water service to customers in Putnam County. Additionally, the Palm Port system provides wastewater serve to customers in the Palm Port development. The Palm Port wastewater plant capacity is 50,000 gallons per day. Currently, the wastewater system is not sized to provide reclaimed water, however should the utility flows reach

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100,000 gallons per day, reuse requirement should then be addressed. The amendment is consistent with Putnam County Comprehensive Plan and there will be no additional water or wastewater facilities built to serve the proposed territory. Service will be provide by extending existing transmission and distribution lines.

The application is in compliance with the governing statute, Section 367.045, Florida Statutes, and other pertinent statutes and administrative rules concerning an application for amendment of certificate. The application contains a check in the amount of \$300.00 which is the correct filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code. The applicant has provided evidence that the utility owns the land upon which the utility's facilities are located as required by Rule 25-30.036(1)(d), Florida Administrative Code in the form of a warranty deed.

Adequate service territory and system maps and a territory description have been provided as prescribed by Rule 25-30.036(1)(e),(f) and (i), Florida Administrative Code. A description of the territory requested by the utility is appended to this memorandum as Attachment A. The utility has submitted an affidavit consistent with Section 367.045(2)(d), Florida Statutes, that it has tariffs and annual reports on file with the Commission.

In addition, the application contains proof of compliance with the noticing provisions set forth in Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code. The one objection that was received has been withdrawn and the time for filing such objection has expired.

Presently, SSU provides quality water and wastewater service to the residents of Putnam County. The utility has the capability and financial resources to adequately service the proposed new territory. The proposed new territory will have no substantial effect on the utility's financial status. SSU currently has no outstanding violation reported by the Department of Environmental Regulation.

The utility's approved water and wastewater rates were effective September 18, 1992, pursuant to Order No. PSC-92-0948-FOF-SU, issued in Docket No. 920199-WS, a rate case docket. The utility has indicated that the proposed amendment will have no significant impact on its existing rates and charges. Staff recommends that these rates and charges be applied to customers in the new service territory.

The utility has filed revised tariff sheets incorporating the additional territory into its tariff and has submitted Certificates

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Nos. 76-W and 284-S for entry reflecting the additional territory.
Based on the above information, staff believes it is in the public interest to grant the application of Southern States Utilities, Inc. for amendment of Water Certificate No. 76-W and Wastewater Certificate No. 284-S for the territory described in Attachment A and B. An administrative order should be issued approving the application.

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ATTACHMENT A
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WATER TERRITORY

Beecher's Point

Township 12 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County, Florida.

Section 40

POINT OF BEGINNING being at the Northwest corner of Section 40, Township 12 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County, Florida, thence following the river's edge in a Southerly direction around to Little Lake George and continue following the water's edge of the lake to the Southeast corner of parcel 0320-0000 as recorded in Book 187, page 162 of Putnam County, Florida, thence North $0^{\circ} 45' 00''$ West a distance of 1713.45 feet, thence East a distance of 198.0 feet, thence North a distance of 2483.0 feet, thence West a distance of 1300.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Interlachen Lake Estates

Township 10 South, Range 25 East, Putnam County, Florida.

Section 7

All of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7.

Section 18

The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18.

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Palm Port

Township 9 South, Range 27 East, Putnam County, Florida.

Section 40

POINT OF BEGINNING being at the Southwest corner of Section 40, Township 9 South, Range 27 East, Putnam County, Florida, where Cow's Creek forms, thence running 1,600 feet more or less along the North side of Cow's Creek in the Easterly direction to the Westerly right-of-way of East River Drive, thence 1,840 feet more or less in the Northwesterly direction along said right-of-way to the Northerly right-of-way of Cypress Drive, thence running 1,700 feet more or less in the Westerly direction to the water's edge of the St. John's River, thence following the water's edge of said river in the Southerly direction for 2,200 feet more or less to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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River Park

Township 12 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County, Florida.

Sections 26, 35, 38

All of Section 38, plus all of Section 35 North of the North line of Section 38, plus all of Section 26 East of the St. John's River up to the centerline of County Road 309 and South of County Road 308 Extension, plus a North South portion 1,360 feet wide more or less of Section 26 directly East of the centerline of County Road 309 and South of County Road 308, said sections all being situated in Township 12 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County, Florida.

Saratoga Harbor

Township 11 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County, Florida.

Section 39

Being a portion of that certain parcel of land, being a part of Section 39, Township 11 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County, Florida, being more particularly described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 39, thence running 1,050 feet more or less in the Northwesterly direction along the river's edge to a point for the POINT OF BEGINNING being the Northwest corner of parcel number 22-11-26-0000-0080-0000, thence from said point 400 feet more or less in the Easterly direction, thence 80 feet more or less to the North, thence 120 feet more or less in the Northwesterly direction, thence 170 feet more or less in the Northeasterly direction, thence 200 feet more or less in the Northwesterly direction, thence 1,500 feet more or less in the Northeasterly direction to Lake Kathleen, thence North 32° 18' 40" West a distance of 190 feet, thence North 40° 08' 20" West a distance of 304.67 feet, thence North 50° 49' 00" West a distance of 323.36 feet, thence North 18° 42' 50" East a distance of 361.90 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of Hamilton Road, also known as Wells Avenue, thence 2,880 feet more or less in Westerly direction along said right-of-way, to the water's edge of the St. John's River, thence following the water's edge of said river in a Southeasterly direction to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Wootens

Township 13 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County, Florida.

Section 41

POINT OF BEGINNING being at the Southwest corner of Section 41, Township 13 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County, Florida, thence running 3,370 feet more or less along the South line of Section 41 up to the Southwesterly right-of-way of C.R. 309, thence continue running 2,000 feet more or less in the Northwesterly direction along the right-of-way of C.R. 309 to the corner where the Westerly right-of-way of County Road 309 and the Southerly right-of-way of Brown's Fish Camp Road, also known as Sunset Drive intersect, thence running 2,250 feet more or less in the Northwesterly direction up to the water's edge of the St. John's River, thence 1,950 feet more or less along the water's edge of said river, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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ATTACHMENT B

WASTEWATER TERRITORY

Palm Port

Township 9 South, Range 27 East, Putnam County, Florida.

Section 40

POINT OF BEGINNING being at the Southwest corner of Section 40, Township 9 South, Range 27 East, Putnam County, Florida, where Cow's Creek forms, thence running 1,600 feet more or less along the North side of Cow's Creek in the Easterly direction to the Westerly right-of-way of East River Drive, thence 1,840 feet more or less in the Northwesterly direction along said right-of-way to the Northerly right-of-way of Cypress Drive, thence running 1,700 feet more or less in the Westerly direction to the water's edge of the St. John's River, thence following the water's edge of said river in the Southerly direction for 2,200 feet more or less to the POINT OF BEGINNING.