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MEMORANDUM

October 9, 1998

TO : ALICE CROSBY, DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES
✓ DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM : STEPHANIE CLAPP, DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER

RE : DOCKET NO. 981081-SU: APPLICATION FOR NAME CHANGE ON
CERTIFICATE NO. 104-S IN PASCO COUNTY FROM HUDSON
UTILITIES, INC. D/B/A HUDSON BAY COMPANY TO HUDSON
UTILITIES, INC.

Stephanie Clapp

Hudson Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Hudson Bay Company (Hudson Bay or utility) is a Class B utility located in Pasco County. Hudson Bay was granted Certificate No. 104-S on June 19, 1973. The utility serves approximately 1259 residential and 80 commercial customers. According to the most recent information available, Hudson Bay's 1997 annual report filed with this Commission, the utility had annual operating revenues of \$793,845 and a net loss of \$127,538.

On August 26, 1998, Hudson Bay filed an application with this Commission for acknowledgment of a change in the name to Hudson Utilities, Inc., dropping the d/b/a Hudson Bay Company. The application shows that there is no change in the ownership or control of the utility or its assets.

The complete name, address and type of business of the certificated utility is Hudson Utilities, Inc., 14334 Old Dixie Highway, Hudson, Florida 34667, a Florida corporation. The reason given for the change was the "d/b/a Hudson Bay Company" was not being used. The effective date of the name change, according to the application, is January 1, 1998. A copy of the certificate issued by the Secretary of State showing the corporate organization date of June 20, 1975, was filed with the application.

A copy of the proposed notice to be sent to the customers of the utility informing them of the change was furnished with the application, as well as, an original and two copies of the proposed water tariff reflecting the name change. The original wastewater certificate has been filed with the Commission.

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Section 2.07(C)(3), Administrative Procedures Manual, grants the Director of the Division of Records and Reporting, in coordination with the appropriate industry division and the Division of Legal Services, the authority to approve changes of names of regulated utilities where no change of ownership or control or transfer of assets is involved. As stated in the application, the ownership, control and assets of the utility will not change under the new name.

Staff finds the application in compliance with all provision of Rule 25-30.039, Florida Administrative Code, and recommends that an administrative order be issued approving the change of name for Certificate No. 582-W to Hudson Utilities, Inc. Staff recommends that the order approve the utility's proposed customer notice and require that the notice be sent to all utility customers upon issuance of the administrative order. Staff also recommends that the utility's proposed wastewater tariff be approved and become effective for services provided or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. Furthermore, staff recommends that this docket be closed.

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