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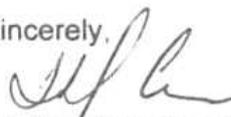
Re: Submittal of Application for Transfer to Governmental Authority of Rampart Utilities, Inc. to Charlotte County, Florida

Dear Mr. Hill:

Attached is the original and five (5) copies of the above-referenced application for the transfer of water and wastewater certificates associated with the Rampart Utility System Asset Acquisition Agreement between Charlotte County, Florida and Rampart Utilities, Inc. ("Rampart"). Rampart is a utility in receivership located in Charlotte County. Tom Cloud of our firm has previously spoken with JoAnn Chase regarding this utility.

Please notify me if there are any deficiencies in the application and I will supplement the application with any further information needed by your staff. If you or your staff have any questions regarding this application submittal, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,


W. Christopher Browder, Esquire

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Attachments: Application for Transfer to Governmental Authority
 Exhibit A - Agreement
 Exhibit B - Statement re: Customer Deposit Disposition
 Exhibit C - Statement re: Regulatory Assessment Fee Disposition
 Exhibit D - Charlotte County Statement re: Financial Issues
 Original Certificates 572-W and 497-S

cc: (w/out attachments)

Theodore C. Steffens, Receiver
Jeffrey S. Russell, Esquire, Abel, Bond et al
Larry E. Metz, Herzfeld & Rubin
James D. Wing, Holland & Knight
Gerald V. Walsh
Gerald C. Hartman, Hartman & Associates
Mark Lawson, Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson
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Richard E. Howell, Charlotte County Utility Director
Laurie Case, Charlotte County Utilities Fiscal Manager
Thomas A. Cloud, Gray, Harris & Robinson
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APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER TO GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY

(Pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), Florida Statutes)

TO: Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Water and Wastewater

The undersigned hereby makes application for the approval of the transfer of (all or part) of the facilities operated under Water Certificate No. 572-W and/or Wastewater Certificate No. 497-S located in Charlotte County, Florida, and submits the following:

PART I APPLICANT INFORMATION

A) The full name (as it appears on the certificate), address and telephone number of the seller (utility):

Rampart Utilities, Inc.

Name of utility

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Phone No.

Fax No.

2100 Kings Highway
Office street address

Port Charlotte, Florida 39980
City State Zip Code

Mailing address if different from street address

Internet address if applicable

- B) The name, address and telephone number of a representative of the utility to contact concerning this application:

Theodore Steffens c/o Jeffrey Russell ()

Name

Phone No.

Abel, Band, Russell, Collier, Pitchford & Gordon

Street address

240 South Pineapple Avenue - 7th Floor - Huntington Plaza
P.O. Box 49948

City Sarasota, Florida 34230-6948 State Zip Code

- C) The full name, address and telephone number of the governmental authority:

Charlotte County

Name of utility

(941) 743-1300

(941) 743-1310

Phone No.

Fax No.

18500 Murdock Circle

Office street address

Port Charlotte, Florida 33948-1094

City

State

Zip Code

Mailing address if different from street address

Internet address if applicable

- D) The name, address and telephone number of a representative of the governmental authority to contact concerning this application:

Richard E. Howell, Utility Director

(941) 743-1559

Name

Charlotte County

Phone No.

20101 Peachland Boulevard, Suite 310

Street address

Port Charlotte, Florida 33948

City

State

Zip Code

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING
~~APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER TO GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY~~
(Section 367.071, Florida Statutes)

General Information

The attached form has been prepared by the Florida Public Service Commission to aid utilities under its jurisdiction to file information required by Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-30, Florida Administrative Code. Any questions regarding this form should be directed to the Division of Water and Wastewater, Bureau of Industry Structure and Policy Development (850) 413-6900.

Note that, pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), Florida Statutes, a governmental authority, prior to taking any official action, shall request from the utility or the Commission the most recent available income and expense statement, balance sheet and statement of rate base for regulatory purposes and contributions-in-aid-of-construction.

Instructions

1. Fill out the attached application form completely and accurately.
2. Complete all the items that apply to your utility. If an item is not applicable, mark it "N.A.". Do not leave any items blank.
3. Notarize the completed application form.
4. Return applicable regulatory assessment fee and form with the application.
5. Return utility's original certificate(s) with the application for transfer.
6. The original and five copies of the completed application and attached exhibits; one copy of each territory and system map (if applicable); the original and two copies of the proposed tariff sheet(s) (if applicable); the appropriate regulatory assessment form(s) and fee(s); and the original certificate(s) should be mailed to:

Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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PART II FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- A) Exhibit A - A copy of the contract pursuant to Rules 25-30.037(4)(c) and (d), Florida Administrative Code.
- B) Exhibit B - A statement regarding the disposition of customer deposits and the accumulated interest thereon.
- C) Exhibit C - A statement regarding the disposition of any outstanding regulatory assessment fees, fines or refunds owed.
- D) Exhibit D - A statement that the buyer (governmental authority) obtained from the utility or the Commission the utility's most recent available income and expense statement, balance sheet and statement of rate base for regulatory purposes and contributions-in-aid-of-construction.
- E) Indicate the date on which the buyer proposes to take official action to acquire the utility:

March 1999

If only a portion of the utility's facilities is being transferred, a revised territory description and map of the utility's remaining territory must be provided, as discussed in PART III, below.

IF THE UTILITY'S ENTIRE FACILITIES ARE BEING TRANSFERRED, PLEASE DISREGARD PART III OF THIS APPLICATION FORM.

PART III CERTIFICATION

A) **TERRITORY DESCRIPTION**

Exhibit N/A - An accurate description of the utility's revised territory. If the water and wastewater territory is different, provide separate descriptions.

Note: Use the Survey of Public Lands method (township, range, section, and quarter section), if possible, or a metes and bounds description. Give the subdivision or project name. The description should **NOT** refer to land grants or plat books, but may use geographic boundaries (i.e., road right-of-ways, railroads, rivers, creeks, etc). The object is to make the description as brief, but as accurate as possible.

B) TERRITORY MAPS

Exhibit N/A - One copy of an official county tax assessment map or other map showing township, range and section with a scale such as 1"=200' or 1"=400' on which the remaining territory is plotted by use of metes and bounds or quarter sections and with a defined reference point of beginning. If the water and wastewater territory is different, provide separate maps.

C) TARIFF SHEETS

Exhibit N/A - The original and two copies of tariff sheet(s) revised to show correct service territory. Please refer to Rules 25-9.009 and 25-9.010, Florida Administrative Code, regarding page numbering of tariff sheets before preparing the tariff revisions. (Pages 9-10.) Sample tariff sheets are attached. (Pages 11-14.)

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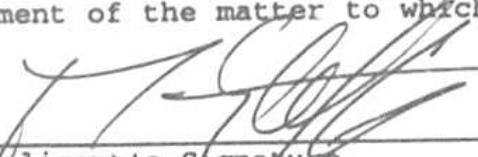
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PART IV AFFIDAVIT

I Theodore C. STEFFENS (applicant) do solemnly swear or affirm that the facts stated in the foregoing application and all exhibits attached thereto are true and correct and that said statements of fact thereto constitute a complete statement of the matter to which it relates.

BY:



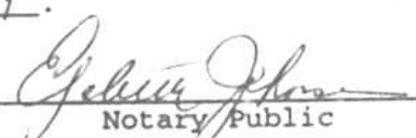
Applicant's Signature

Theodore C. STEFFENS
Applicant's Name (Typed)

Court Receiver
Applicant's Title *

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th DAY
of MARCH 1999.

ELIZABETH A. JOHANSEN
Notary Public
State of Colorado



Notary Public

* If the applicant is a corporation, the affidavit must be made by the president or other officer authorized by the by-laws of the corporation to act for it. If the applicant is a partnership or association, a member of the organization authorized to make such affidavit shall execute same.