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DATE: December 15, 1999

TO: Alice Crosby, Division of Legal Services
Division of Records and Reporting

FROM: Patricia Brady, Division of Water and Wastewater *pb*

RE: Docket No. 991747-WS, Application for name change on Certificates Nos. 137-W and 98-S in Pasco County from Betmar Utilities, Inc. to East Pasco Utilities, Inc.

On November 22, 1999, an application was filed to request a change in the name on Certificates Nos. 137-W and 98-S from Betmar Utilities, Inc. to East Pasco Utilities, Inc. Rule 25-30.039, Florida Administrative Code, governs the requirements for a name change where there is no change in ownership or control of the utility or its assets. A statement was provided with the application attesting that such is the case in this filing.

As filed, the application is in compliance with the requirements of Rule 25-30.039, Florida Administrative Code. Both before and after the proposed name change, the utility was and remains a Florida corporation located at 6635 Hickorywood Lane, New Port Richey, Florida 34653-3924. The reason given for the name change is that, due to the current similarity in names, a majority of the utility's customers believe that Betmar Utilities belongs to the Betmar Owners Association. Changing the name to East Pasco Utilities, Inc. is intended to reduce such customer confusion. The effective date of the name change was September 16, 1999. A copy of the certificate issued by the Department of State, Division of Corporations, showing its acceptance of the utility's new name was provided with the petition. The utility will provide notice and reason for the name change in its next billing cycle. Tariffs conforming to the name change were submitted with the application along with the utility's original certificates for modification.

Section 2.07(C)(3) of the Administrative Procedure's 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 of the utility or its assets is involved. As indicated above, the change in name is intended only to reduce customer confusion and is not the result of a change in ownership or control of the utility or its assets.

Staff finds the request for name change in compliance with the provisions of Rule 25-30.039, Florida Administrative Code, and recommends that an administrative order be issued as soon as possible approving the change of name on Certificates Nos. 137-W and 98-S to East Pasco Utilities, Inc. The utility's proposed notice to customers of the name change should be given in the next billing cycle. The utility's revised tariffs should become effective for services rendered or connections made on or after the stamped approval date. Since no further actions are required, this docket should be closed.

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