

In re: Application for amendment
of Certificates 242-W and 185-S
to include additional territory
in Broward and Palm Beach
Counties by Parkland Utilities,
Inc.

DOCKET NO. 001825-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-01-0974-FOF-WS
ISSUED: April 20, 2001

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION TO AMEND CERTIFICATES NOS. 242-W
AND 185-S TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL TERRITORY
AND CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

BACKGROUND

Parkland Utilities, Inc. (Parkland or utility) is a Class B water and wastewater utility providing service to approximately 657 water and 652 wastewater customers in northern Broward County. The annual report for 1999 shows that the annual operating revenue for water and wastewater is \$712,525 and the net operating income is \$70,978. The utility's service area is in the South Florida Water Management District, and lies within a critical water supply problem area.

On December 27, 2000, the utility applied for an amendment to Certificates Nos. 242-W and 185-S. We have jurisdiction to consider this application under Section 367.045, Florida Statutes.

APPLICATION

The application is in compliance with Section 367.045, Florida Statutes, and other pertinent statutes and administrative rules. The application contains a check in the amount of \$400, which is the correct filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020, Florida Administrative Code. The applicant has provided evidence in the form of a warranty deed that the utility owns the land upon which its water facilities are located, as required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(d), Florida Administrative Code. Wastewater service is provided on a bulk rate basis from Broward County.

Adequate service territory and system maps and a territory description have been provided as required by Rule 25-30.036(3)(e),

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(f) and (i), Florida Administrative Code. A description of the territory requested by the utility is appended to this Order as Attachment A, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The utility has submitted an affidavit consistent with Section 367.045(2)(d), Florida Statutes, affirming that it has tariffs and annual reports on file with this Commission. Moreover, the utility has filed revised tariff sheets incorporating the additional territory into its tariff.

The application also contains proof of compliance with the noticing provisions set forth in Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code. No objections to the application have been received, and the time for filing such has expired. The local planning agency was provided notice of the application, but did not file a protest to the application. The Department of Community Affairs states that there are no growth management concerns in the proposed service area and that the utility's application is consistent with the comprehensive plans of both Broward and Palm Beach Counties. The utility states this area will be developed into low density housing consisting of a maximum of 125 single family homes.

The existing water system consists of two wells and a lime softening treatment facility. The water system can supply a maximum of 580,000 gallons per day (gpd), limited by the water treatment plant capacity. Flows for the average day, peak month, are 330,000 gpd from the plant. Customer demand is 435 gpd/connection during the peak month. The additional 125 connections planned will add another 55,000 gpd demand on this plant. As back-up supply, this utility is interconnected with the Palm Beach County water system. The applicant states that lines of sufficient capacity exist to provide service to the additional territory, although some extensions will be required. The Broward County Health Department has no outstanding notices of violation issued for this system.

As previously noted, wastewater service is provided through a bulk arrangement with Broward County's regional system. The utility states that current flows are averaging .210 million gallons per day (mgd), as compared to the allocation of .310 mgd by Broward County for Parkland's use. This indicates that capacity is available to serve the additional 125 connections. Current

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customers average 280 gpd/connection of wastewater. These additional 125 connections are estimated to generate about .035 mgd of wastewater, which brings the projected average daily flow to a total of .245 mgd. Parkland's wastewater treatment plant was taken off line years ago.

Line extensions to serve the additional properties will be paid for, or installed by, the property owners or developers, and then deeded to the utility. No impact upon capital costs for line extensions will occur.

Included in the application are letters of agreement between Parkland and property owners who are requesting water service from the utility. The utility explains that the interest in water service is due to private wells having some problems, or the property is in need of drinking water, but no well is available. Four of the property owners have existing homes on the property, while the fifth owner is intending to develop as many as 100 homes on the 25 acres that he owns.

Based on the above information, we find that it is in the public interest to grant the application of Parkland for amendment of Certificates Nos. 242-W and 185-S. Parkland shall charge the customers in the territory added herein the rates and charges contained in its tariff until authorized to change by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Parkland Utilities, Inc.'s application to amend Certificates Nos. 242-W and 185-S is hereby approved. It is further

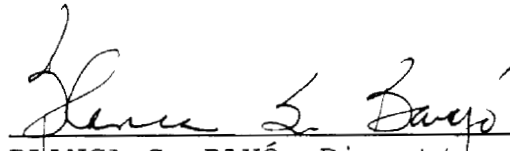
ORDERED that Certificates Nos. 242-W and 185-S are hereby amended to include the territory described in Attachment A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. It is further

ORDERED that Parkland Utilities, Inc., shall charge the customers in the territory added herein the rates and charges contained in its tariff until authorized to change by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding. It is further

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ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 20th
day of April, 2001.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

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 Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 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

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wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and reporting 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.

PARKLAND UTILITIES, INC.

WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA

BROWARD AND PALM BEACH COUNTIES

In Section 2, Township 48 South, Range 41 East, Broward County:

The North half, less and except:

the East 3/4 of the East half of the East half;

that portion of the West half of the West half of the East half of the East half, lying and being north of the south line of the north 2123 feet; and,

the East 1320 feet of the north 1320 feet (as measured along the north and east lines).

In Section 35, Township 47 South, Range 41 East, Broward County:

All of said Section 35, lying southerly of the Hillsboro Canal and State Road 827.

In Section 26, Township 47 South, Range 41 East, Palm Beach County:

All of said Section 26, lying southerly of the Hillsboro Canal and State Road 827.