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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 150198-WS

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF RULES
25-30.029 AND 25-30.038 AND
AMENDMENT OF RULES 25-30.030,
25-30.032, 25-30.033,
25-30.034, 25-30.035,
25-30.036, 25-30.037,
25-30.039, AND 25-30.090,
F.A.C.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 2

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER JIMMY PATRONIS

DATE: Thursday, November 5, 2015

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Okay. Item No. 2.

3 **MS. COWDERY:** Good morning, Commissioners.

4 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Good morning.

5 **MS. COWDERY:** Kathryn Cowdery, Office of
6 General Counsel. Item 2 is staff's recommendation that
7 the Commission should amend the nine existing water and
8 wastewater rules and adopt two new rules in Chapter
9 25-30, *Florida Administrative Code*, that address
10 applications for water and wastewater, certificates
11 of authority, name change, and utility abandonment.

12 The purpose of this rule is to update and
13 clarify rules, delete vague, obsolete, and unnecessary
14 language, and amend for readability and consistency with
15 Commission practice.

16 As part of this rulemaking, example fillable
17 application forms are now going to be incorporated by
18 reference and will be available to applicants both
19 through links in the rules and also on the Commission's
20 website. Staff would like to make oral modifications to
21 three of these forms that are found in Attachment A of
22 the staff recommendation in order to correct inadvertent
23 errors in the forms.

24 On page 92 of the staff recommendation, Item
25 C5 of Draft Form 1001 should be deleted because the

1 information requested in that item is not required under
2 the draft rule for original certificates for that type
3 of application. It was just an error.

4 On page 123 of the staff recommendation,
5 Item I of Draft Form 1005 should be deleted because it
6 is duplicative of information in Item 5 of that form.
7 That's just a technical error really.

8 On pages 142 through 149 of the staff
9 recommendation, the wrong version of Draft Form
10 1007 that is not -- that is not consistent with the
11 recommended rule amendments was inadvertently attached.
12 This version needs to be replaced with the current
13 correct version of Draft Form 1007 that is consistent
14 with the recommended rule requirements, a copy of which
15 is attached to staff's email of November 2nd, 2015, that
16 was provided to the Commissioners and filed that same
17 date in this rulemaking docket as Document No. 06968-15.
18 Staff is available to answer any questions.

19 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Staff, thank you very much.
20 I applaud the staff for both this item and the item
21 previous to this. We've learned over the years to do
22 more and more with fewer people and less time to do it,
23 and it's amazing to me the amount of stuff that staff
24 has been -- the things that come in this door and it
25 gets processed and goes back out the door. It's amazing

1 the things that you guys are able to handle. And
2 streamlining these processes and -- with new
3 technologies and other things along those lines is just
4 absolutely amazing. I know it says here in the staff
5 rec that some of these rules haven't been touched since
6 1993, and it's amazing -- of course, I asked why was
7 that the case? And, of course, because some of these
8 things have been so long and convoluted, it took that
9 long to sift through it all. And so do I appreciate
10 your due diligence working so hard to do all this.

11 And I know there's other things that we need
12 to get into, and I always encourage you guys to make
13 changes, ask questions, push things forward because we
14 don't need to be doing things that we've always done.
15 We need to be doing things the way they need to be done,
16 and I do thank you for that.

17 Commissioner Edgar.

18 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
19 I agree with everything that you've said. And I also
20 wanted to commend the staff for their work on this. I
21 know that it's been a very long process, very detailed,
22 very technical, very painstaking, but I absolutely
23 believe, as you've said, Mr. Chairman, that these
24 changes will help us with increased efficiency and
25 increased effectiveness in the public interest. So I

1 thank the staff for their work, and I would move
2 approval of the item as Ms. Cowdery has described it.

3 **COMMISSIONER PATRONIS:** Second.

4 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** The item has been moved and
5 seconded.

6 Before we take a vote on this item, I also
7 wanted to note that this is Paul Vickery's last meeting,
8 last agenda before he retires. And thank God we decided
9 to put this to bed before he left because I hate for him
10 to take some of his knowledge with him. But I do
11 appreciate your loyalty to this agency and your work,
12 your work ethic, and your work product. And this is
13 just a little bit of the things that you've done, and so
14 I do applaud you and thank you very much for being here.

15 That being said, no further discussion on
16 this, all in favor, say aye.

17 (Vote taken.)

18 Any opposed? By your action, you've approved
19 Item No. 2. And Paul will be back again on Item No. 4.
20 Staff, thank you very much.

21 (Agenda item concluded.)
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