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RE: Docket No. 20200022- WS - Application for transfer of water and wastewater facilities in Sumter and Lake Counties to North Sumter County Utility Dependent District, and cancellation of Certificate Nos. 631-W and 540-S, by Central Sumter Utility Company, LLC.

Central Sumter Utility Company, LLC (CSU or Utility) is a Class A water and wastewater utility providing service to approximately 13,863 residential water and wastewater customers and 248 general service connections in Sumter and Lake Counties. Water and wastewater rates were last established in the Original Certificate docket in 2005.¹

On January 10, 2020, CSU filed an application for transfer of its water and wastewater facilities to North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (North Sumter) and cancellation of Certificate Nos. 631-W and 540-S. Pursuant to Section 367.071(4), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the sale of facilities to a governmental authority shall be approved as a matter of right. As such, no notice of the transfer is required and no filing fees apply.

The application included an Agreement of Purchase and Sale between CSU and North Sumter, dated December 23, 2019, the effective date of the transfer. Pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S., and Rule 25-30.038(2)(f), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the Utility included a statement that the Utility did not collect customer deposits. The Utility has paid all outstanding regulatory assessment fees. In lieu of filing the Utility's 2018 Annual Report, CSU has remitted payment of penalties totaling \$4,400 on February 13, 2020, pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(7)(b), F.A.C. The Utility was not under the Commission's jurisdiction on December 31, 2019, therefore, no annual report needed to be filed for 2019.

The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.071, F.S. Also, pursuant to Section 2.07(C)(4)d. of the Administrative Procedures Manual, staff has been given administrative authority to approve transfers to governmental entities that are in compliance with Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S. and are not controversial in nature. Based on the above, staff believes that the application is in compliance with Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S., and Rule 25-30.038, F.A.C. Staff

¹Order No. PSC-05-0844-FOF-WS, issued August 18, 2005, in Docket No. 20050192-WS, *In re: Application for amendment of Certificate Nos. 631-W and 540-S in Lake County by Central Sumter Utility Company, LLC.*

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recommends that the Commission acknowledge the transfer of the water and wastewater systems to North Sumter as a matter of right, pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S., and cancel Certificate Nos. 631-W and 540-S effective December 23, 2019. In addition, staff recommends that the docket be closed because no further action is necessary.

KJ/jp

cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20200022-WS)