

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

<p>In re: Application for grandfather water certificate in Leon County by Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc. pursuant to Section 367.171(2), Florida Statutes</p> <p>Application for a pass through increase of regulatory assessment fees pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(b), Florida Statutes</p>	<p>Docket No. 2020XXXX-WU</p> <p>Filed: July 31, 2020</p> <p><i>CK # 2002</i> <i>\$1000.00</i> <i>date 7/30/2020</i></p>
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APPLICATION OF LAKE TALQUIN WATERWORKS, INC. FOR PASS THROUGH OF REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES

Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Lake Talquin Waterworks" or "Utility"), by and through its undersigned and pursuant to Sections 367.171(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 25-30.035, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), hereby files this Application for grandfather water certificate for its water systems in Leon County. Lake Talquin Waterworks simultaneously hereby files its request for approval of a pass through increase for regulatory assessment fees pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(b), F.S.

I. UTILITY INFORMATION

1. The Utility's name as it should appear on its certificate and its mailing address are:

Lake Talquin Waterworks, Inc.
4939 Cross Bayou Blvd.
New Port Richey, Florida 34652
(727) 848-8292 (Telephone)
(727) 848-7701 (Facsimile)

2. The names and addresses of the Utility's authorized representatives are:

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Investor Owned Utilities
U.S. Water Services Corporation
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3. Lake Talquin was incorporated on May 20, 2020 under the laws of Florida and is currently authorized to conduct business in Florida under registration number P20000038122. **Exhibit "A"** attached.

4. Lake Talquin Waterworks acquired the utility from Seminole Waterworks, Inc. (Seminole) on March 30, 2020. Seminole Waterworks acquired the utility from Lake Talquin Water Company, Inc. on the same date. There was a simultaneous closing which transferred the utility from Seminole to Lake Talquin Waterworks. Since the acquisition, Lake Talquin Waterworks has maintained the utility under the rules prescribed by the Florida Public Service Commission and maintains its books and records pursuant to the NARUC Uniform Systems of Accounts as prescribe in Rule 25-30.115, F.A.C.

5. On June 20, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County (County) passed and adopted Resolution No. R17-12 (Resolution), transferring regulation of the privately-owned, for-profit water and wastewater utilities in Leon County to the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission). Effective upon the adoption of the Resolution, all non-exempt water and wastewater systems in the County became subject to the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The Commission acknowledged the Resolution in Order No. PSC-2017-0357-FOF-WS.

6. On November 30, 2017, Lake Talquin Water Company, Inc. filed its application for a Grandfather Certificate in Docket No. 20170253-WU. However, the

filing was found to be deficient, and to date the deficiencies have not been met and the official date of filing has not been established.

7. Due to the difficulties in meeting the required deficiencies, talks of possible acquisition began during the pendency of the docket. As a result a purchase agreement was entered into on February 12, 2020.

6. The names and addresses of the persons who own 5 percent or more of the Utility's stock are:

Gary A. Deremer
President and CEO
4939 Cross Bayou Blvd
New Port Richey, FL 34652

Cecil Delcher
Vice President
11702 Forest Hills Dr.
Tampa, FL 33612

8. Lake Talquin Waterworks provides water service to approximately 237 residential customers consisting of single family residential homes and mobile homes. All customers are water only residential with 5/8 x 3/4" meters.

9. A copy of this Application and supporting documents will be made available for public inspection regular business hours at the following address:

U.S. Water Services Corporation
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10. The current rates and charges were established in 2016 by the previous owner, Lake Talquin Water Company, Inc. Since acquisition, Lake Talquin Waterworks has been charging the same rates and charges. **Exhibit "I"** attached

11. Except as may be specifically identified herein, Lake Talquin Waterworks does not know of any manner in which this Application deviates from the policies, procedures or guidelines prescribed by relevant Commission rules.

II. APPLICATION FOR GRANDFATHER WATER CERTIFICATE

12. In accordance with Rule 25-30.035, F.A.C. and Form PSC 1003, copy of Lake Talquin Waterworks' application for grandfather water certificate, has been filed contemporaneously herewith.

13. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "D"** are recorded Warranty Deeds for each water treatment plant.

14. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "E"** are the proposed Water Tariffs for approval.

15. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "F"** is the Draft Proposed Customer Notice.

16. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "G"** are the system maps filed simultaneously herewith.

17. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "H"** are the current permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection and Water Management District.

15. The appropriate filing fee of \$1,000 accompanies this Application as required by Section 367.145(2), F.S., and Rule 25-30.020, F.A.C., for the Utility's requests for grandfather certificate.

III. APPLICATION FOR PASS THROUGH RATE INCREASE FOR REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES

16. Pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(b), F.S., Lake Talquin Waterworks requests approval of a pass through rate increase for the regulatory assessment fees required by the Florida Public Service Commission.

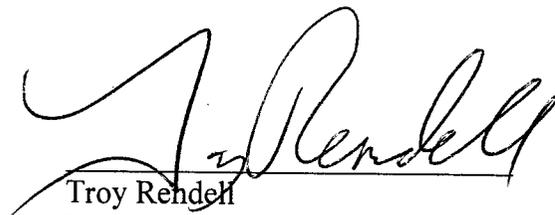
17. Regulatory assessment fees are required pursuant to Rule 25-30.120, F.A.C. These fees have not, and are not currently included in Lake Talquin Waterworks' existing water rates.

18. Lake Talquin Waterworks requests approval of the pass through within forty-five (45) days pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(b), F.S.

WHEREFORE, the Utility respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Accept jurisdiction of this Application;
- B. Grant Grandfather Water Certificate as requested herein;
- C. Grant Pass Through water rates for the regulatory assessment fees;
- C. Grant such further relief as the Commission deems fair, just, equitable and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of July, 2020.



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