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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
DOCKET NO. 20210125-WS
APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT
OF CERTIFICATE NOS. 677-W
AND 577-S TO DELETE
TERRITORY IN LAKE AND
SUMTER COUNTIES, BY GIBSON
PLACE UTILITY COMPANY, LLC.
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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 3

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ANDREW GILES FAY
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 2022

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN FAY: And with that, we'll move on to
3 items for discussion, Item 3.

4 MR. LEWIS: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm
5 Clayton Lewis representing staff.

6 Item No. 3 is staff's recommendation regarding
7 Gibson Place Utility Company, LLC's, request to
8 leave a portion of its territory. Gibson Place is
9 a water and water -- excuse me -- water and
10 wastewater utility in Lake and Sumter Counties that
11 has not begun serving customers, and initial rates
12 will be set at a later date.

13 Staff recommends the Commission approve the
14 utility's request to delete the territory.

15 Staff is available to answer your questions.

16 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great. Thank you for that
17 summary, Mr. Lewis.

18 I have a question for this. I pulled this --
19 this item. So, I asked you if -- I asked you about
20 some of this in briefing, but essentially, from
21 what I understand on this, this is a bit unusual to
22 have a portion of a territory deleted and removed
23 from the -- this, but there's no risk of customers
24 in this area not having service because there's
25 nothing built?

1 MR. LEWIS: Yeah, there's --

2 CHAIRMAN FAY: Is that -- is that correct?

3 MR. LEWIS: Yes, sir, there's -- no facilities
4 have been built; that is, the water and wastewater
5 facilities, treatment plants have not been sited
6 yet or approved by DEP, but there's no customers at
7 all that will be affected.

8 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. And will there be any
9 obligation for the municipality to provide the
10 service or would it just be when -- if -- if
11 something is built, then there would be an entity
12 at that time that we would certify?

13 MR. LEWIS: As far as the remaining territory?
14 Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN FAY: Yes. Yeah. Okay.

16 I think that's all I have for that one. I
17 just, of course, want to make sure that we're not
18 removing something from a territory that would
19 potentially need service.

20 But have we had this happen before, I guess?

21 MR. LEWIS: Yes, sir. Not too recently, I
22 believe it was South Sumter -- I was not on that
23 particular case -- but they deleted territory in
24 the same, similar fashion earlier, I believe, this
25 year.

1 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Great. Thank you.
2 Sounds like there -- there are protections in place
3 for when that occurs.

4 I appreciate the summary, Mr. Lewis.

5 With that, staff, I will take a motion on this
6 item, unless the Commissioners have any other
7 questions or comments.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I've got a comment. You
9 stressed out poor Mr. Wharton over there, just
10 wanting to say something.

11 MR. WHARTON: I -- I -- I'm here, substituting
12 for Marty Friedman on this matter. Ten minutes
13 ago, I called him and said (unintelligible).

14 (Laughter.)

15 CHAIRMAN FAY: Mr. Wharton, you -- you --

16 MR. WHARTON: I do know quite a bit about this
17 client, its ability -- they're very meticulous in
18 the way they do things. They work a lot with local
19 government.

20 I don't think there's anything to be concerned
21 about in terms of how -- I don't know their
22 specific reasons, but they are very put-away in
23 terms of how they, their neighbor properties, are
24 treated and how they and local government interact
25 in providing utility services.

1 So, I -- I think you can take some confidence
2 there from their track record.

3 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great. I -- I appreciate that.
4 I appreciate you for being here; not that we don't
5 love Mr. Friedman, but this is a very -- very kind
6 and pleasant demeanor to have you here this
7 morning. So, thank you for -- for appearing.

8 With that, Commissioners, I will take a motion
9 on this item.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Mr. -- Mr. Chairman,
11 I'll move staff recommendation on Item No. 3.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN FAY: With that, we have a motion and
14 second.

15 All that approve, say aye.

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 CHAIRMAN FAY: Nay?

18 With that, the -- the motion passes.

19 I would just like to briefly thank my
20 colleagues here for -- for -- in a -- in a, I
21 guess, Commissioner way, complimenting me and
22 making fun of me at the same time. So, it's quite
23 the -- the skill set, but thank you for doing that.

24 I'm -- I'm exciting about this Chair role.

25 And I just -- my position on it is that we just

1 have so much work to do, and the Commission and
2 staff are so critical to that process, that we're
3 all busy and we'll continue to be busy and we'll
4 make sure we do the -- the work that we were sent
5 here to do.

6 So, with that, thank everybody for being here
7 today. And the meeting is adjourned.

8 (Agenda item concluded.)

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