

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for amendment of Certificate  
No. 684-W to add territory in Citrus County,  
by Citrus Waterworks, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20250140-WU  
ORDER NO. PSC-2026-0095-FOF-WU  
ISSUED: April 16, 2026

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH, Chairman  
GARY F. CLARK  
MIKE LA ROSA  
BOBBY PAYNE  
ANA ORTEGA

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO WATER CERTIFICATE 684-W TO ADD  
TERRITORY AND DECLINING TO INITIATE SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

On February 6, 2025, we granted Citrus Waterworks, Inc. (Citrus or Utility) a grandfather certificate to operate as a water utility in Citrus County.<sup>1</sup> Citrus is a Class C water utility providing service to approximately 154 residential customers and one general service customer. The Utility is in the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

On April 30, 2025, Citrus filed an application for a staff-assisted rate case (SARC) that was being reviewed in Docket No. 20250075-WU.<sup>2</sup> During our staff's review of the application, supporting documentation, and the legal description of the territory, our staff discovered that Citrus is serving 40 residential customers and one general service customer outside of, and adjacent to, the Utility's certificated territory.

As a result, on November 18, 2025, Citrus filed an application to amend Certificate No. 684-W to expand its existing territory. In its application, the Utility stated that the customers were being served when Citrus acquired the Utility. The amendment application was initially found to be deficient and our staff issued a deficiency letter on December 16, 2025. The application was deemed complete on January 30, 2026, which is considered the official filing date.

<sup>1</sup> Order No. PSC-2025-0041-PAA-WU, issued February 6, 2025, in Docket No. 20240111-WU, *In re: Application for grandfather certificate to operate water utility in Citrus County, by Citrus Waterworks, Inc.*

<sup>2</sup> Document No. 03257-2025, filed April 30, 2025, in Docket No. 20250075-WU, *In re: Application for staff-assisted rate case in Citrus County, by Citrus Waterworks, Inc.*

This Order addresses the Utility's request to extend its water service territory, and the Utility's apparent violation of our rules for serving customers outside of its certificated territory. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.045, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

### Decision

#### Service Outside Certificated Area

Section 367.045(2), F.S., states that a utility may not extend its service outside the area described in its certificate of authorization until we approve an amended certificate of authorization to include the new area. Section 367.161(1), F.S., authorizes us to assess a penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each offense if a utility is found to have willfully violated any provision of Chapter 367, F.S.

As indicated in the case background, during our staff's evaluation of Citrus' legal territory description in its staff-assisted rate case, Docket No. 20250075-WU, our staff notified the Utility that it was serving customers outside of its certificated territory. The provision of service outside of its approved territorial boundary is an apparent violation of Section 367.045(2), F.S. Nevertheless, we do not believe this apparent violation rises to the level of a show cause action. The service of extra-territorial customers took place before the current owner acquired the system. Once the apparent violation was identified, Citrus immediately filed an application requesting the territory be added to come into compliance with the statutory requirement. Further, Citrus has filed annual reports and paid regulatory assessment fees based on the total number of customers it serves, including those inadvertently outside of its certificated area. Therefore, we will not order Citrus to show cause why it should not be fined for the failure to obtain amended certificates of authorization prior to service being provided outside of the certificated territory.

#### Application for Amendment of Certificate No. 684-W

Applications for amendments of service territory are governed by Section 367.045, F.S., and Rule 25-30.036, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The statute provides that we may grant, amend, or deny a certificate in whole or in part or with modifications in the public interest. The rule provides all of the requirements the applicant must provide in an application for amendment to a certificate of authorization to extend or delete service area. In granting or amending a certificate, we do not need to consider any local comprehensive plan unless an objection is timely made. No such objection has been made in this proceeding.

The Utility's application to amend its authorized service territory is in compliance with the governing Statute, Section 367.045, F.S., and Rule 25-30.036, F.A.C. We received the appropriate filing fee, as required by Section 367.145(2), F.S., on November 25, 2025. Citrus provided notice of the application pursuant to Section 367.045, F.S., and Rule 25-30.030(5), F.A.C. The notice provided 30 days for customers to file an objection to the amendment. We received no objections to the application and the time for filing such has expired.

Citrus provided an adequate legal description and service territory map as prescribed by Rules 25-30.036(2)(f) and (h), F.A.C. The legal description is attached to this Order as Attachment A. The Utility also submitted an affidavit, consistent with Rule 25-30.036(2)(q), F.A.C., stating that it has tariffs and annual reports on file with us. Citrus verified that the affected customers are being charged the rates in its current tariff; however, the Utility shall revise its tariff sheet to reflect the correct legal description of its service territory.

The Utility has satisfied all of the conditions required by Rule 25-30.036(2), F.A.C. Based on the above findings and conclusions, we amend Certificate No. 684-W to include the territory described in Attachment A, effective April 7, 2026. This Order shall serve as Citrus' amended certificate and shall be retained by the Utility. Citrus shall charge future customers in the amended service territory the rates and charges contained in the Utility's current tariffs until we authorized a change in a subsequent proceeding.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that a show cause proceeding shall not be initiated against Citrus Waterworks, Inc. for failing to obtain an amended certificate of authorization prior to serving outside of its certificated territory. It is further

ORDERED that Citrus Waterworks, Inc.'s application for amendment to Certificate No. 684-W is hereby approved. Effective April 7, 2026, the certificate shall be amended to include the territory described in Attachment A to this Order, which is incorporated herein by this reference. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall serve as Citrus Waterworks, Inc.'s amended certificate, and shall be retained by Citrus Waterworks, Inc. It is further

ORDERED that Citrus Waterworks, Inc. shall charge the customers in the territory added herein the rates and charges contained in the current tariffs until we authorize a change in a subsequent proceeding. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 16th day of April, 2026.



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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 Office of Commission Clerk, 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 wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of Commission Clerk, 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.

**Citrus Waterworks, Inc.  
Citrus County**

In Section 06, Township 17 North, Range 18 East, Citrus County, Florida

**Citrus Waterworks, North Service Territory**

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 06, Township 17 North, Range 18 East, Citrus County, Florida, the Point of Beginning; thence run North 63°43' 06.27" West 823.766 feet, North 19°43' 18.34" West 97.222 feet, thence North 86°09' 09.90" West 614.071 feet, thence South 2°44' 11.00" East 482.164 feet; thence South 0°18' 05.53" East 561.552 feet, thence run North 89°37' 49.55" East 1358.116 feet, thence run North 0°00' 17.14" East 536.924 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

**Citrus Waterworks, South Service Territory**

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 06, Township 17 North, Range 18 East, Citrus County, Florida, thence run South 01° 02' 38.27" West 1241.582 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 88° 21' 51.33" West 1344.191 feet, thence North 0° 00' 38.89" East 640.824 feet, thence South 71° 33' 30.90" West 218.838 feet, thence South 55° 38' 06.38" West 2674.271 feet, thence run South 00° 04' 47.57" East 1474.357 feet, thence South 89° 59' 18.68" East 3778.532 feet, thence North 00° 30' 47.90" West 245 1.505 feet to the Point of Beginning.

**FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Authorizes  
Citrus Waterworks, Inc.  
Pursuant to  
Certificate Number 684-W**

to provide water service in Citrus County in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, and the Rules, Regulations, and Orders of this Commission in the territory described by the Orders of this Commission. This authorization shall remain in force and effect until superseded, suspended, cancelled or revoked by Order of this Commission.

<u>Order Number</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Filing Type</u>
PSC-2025-0041-PAA-WU	02/06/2025	20240111-WU	Grandfather Certificate
PSC-2026-0095-FOF-WU	4/16/2026	20250140-WU	Certificate Amendment