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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20240123-WU

Application for grandfather
certificate to operate water
utility in Columbia County by
Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 7

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER BOBBY PAYNE
COMMISSIONER ANA ORTEGA

DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

REPORTED BY: DEBRA R. KRICK
Court Reporter and Notary
Public in and for the State
of Florida at Large

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

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Item No. 7, Mr. Sanchez.

3 MR. SANCHEZ: Good morning, Commissioners.

4 Item No. 7 addresses the application for a
5 grandfather water certificate in Columbia County by
6 Suwannee Valley Utilities, LLC.

7 Suwannee Valley provides water service to
8 approximately 317 residential customers and three
9 commercial customers. Wastewater service is
10 provided by individual septic systems.

11 On May 16th, 2024, to the Board of County
12 Commissioners of Columbia County passed and adopted
13 a resolution transferring regulation of privately
14 owned for-profit water and wastewater utilities in
15 Columbia County to the Florida Public Service
16 Commission. On July 1st, 2024, the Florida Public
17 Service Commission issued an order acknowledging
18 the resolution. Effective upon adoption of the
19 resolution, all non-exempt water and wastewater
20 systems in Columbia County became subject to the
21 provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes.

22 Staff has reviewed the utility's application
23 for a grandfather certificate and finds it meets
24 the requirements of Section 367.171, Florida
25 Statutes, and Rule 25-30.035, Florida

1 Administrative Code, therefore, staff recommends
2 the application and the rates and charges shown in
3 Schedule 1 be approved.

4 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Sanchez.

5 Any questions?

6 I will entertain a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Motion to approve all
8 issues in this item.

9 COMMISSIONER PAYNE: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion and a second.

11 Any discussion?

12 On the motion, all in favor say aye.

13 (Chorus of ayes.)

14 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Item is approved.

17 (Agenda item concluded.)

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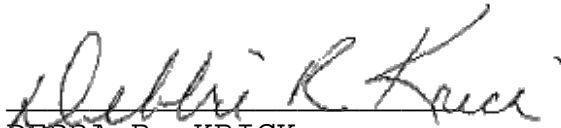
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COUNTY OF LEON)

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DATED this 19th day of May, 2026.


DEBRA R. KRICK
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