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| TO: | Alice Crosby, Division of Legal Services Division of Records Reporting |
| FROM: | Patricia Brady, Division of Water and Wastewater 8 |
| RE: | Docket No. 960022-WU, Application for name change on Certificate No. 543-W in Escambia County from The Peoples Water Service Company to Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc. |

On January 4, 1996, a petition for name change on Certificate No. 543-W from The Peoples Water Service Company to Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc. was filed on behalf of the utility. By Order No. PSC-92-0866-FOF-WU, issued August 25, 1992, the Commission authorized The Peoples Water Service Company to provide water service to the unincorporated communities of Warrington and Pleasant Grove in Escambia County pursuant to Certificate No. 543-W. By Order No. PSC-95-0578-WU, issued May 9, 1995, the Commission acknowledged The Peoples Water Service Company's reorganization whereby the division providing utility service became a separate corporation known as Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc. This application was filed to request a name change to reflect the corporate reorganization.

The application was filed in compliance with Rule 25-30.039, Florida Administrative Code. The current name and address on Certificate No. 543-W is The Peoples Water Service Company, P. O. Box 4815, Pensacola, Florida 32507-0815. The applicant proposes to change the name and address on the certificate to Peoples Water Service Company of -Florida, Inc., leaving the address the same. The reason given for the name change is to make the certificate consistent with PSC policy as espoused in Order No. PSC-94-0230-FOF-SU (Fountain Lakes Sewer Corporation) and Order No. PSC-93-0500-FOF-WU (Lehigh Utilities, Inc.).

The application states the Commission already recognized in Order No. PSC-95-0578-EOF-WU that there was no change in ownership and control of the utility and its assets due to the reorganization. A copy of a report form issued by the Department of State was provided with the petition to show acceptance of the new name by the state effective April 24, 1995. A copy of the proposed notice to be sent to the customers of the utility to inform wis _____them of the name change was furnished with the petition as well as a revised water tariff. The utility's original water certificate was also returned with the application.

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Section 2.07(C)(3) of the Administrative Procedures Manual grants the Director of the Division of Records and Reporting, in coordination with the appropriate industry division and the Division of Legal Services, the authority to approve changes of names of regulated utilities where no change of ownership or control or transfer of assets is involved. Staff finds the application in compliance with the provisions of Rule 25-30.039, Florida Administrative Code, and recommends that an administrative order be issued approving the change of name and address on Certificate No. 543-W in Escambia County to Peoples Water Service Company of Florida, Inc., 905 Lownde Avenue, Post Office Box 4815, Pensacola, Florida 32507. Staff recommends that the order approve the utility's proposed customer notice and require the notice to be sent to all utility customers upon issuance of the administrative order. Staff also recommends that the utility's proposed water and wastewater tariffs be approved and become effective for services provided or connections made on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets. Furthermore, staff recommends that this docket be closed.

cc: N. Grant

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