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DATE: September 28, 2000

TO: Jason Fudge, Division of Legal Services

Division of Records and Reporting

FROM: Stephanie Clapp, Division of Water and Wastewater

Docket No. 000474-WS: Request for name change on Certificate Nos. 454-W and RE:

388-S in Lake County from Sun Communities Finance Limited Partnership to Sun

Communities Finance, LLC.

Sun Communities Finance Limited Partnership (Sun or utility), is a Class C utility located in Lake County. Sun was granted Certificate Nos. 454-W and 388-S by Order No. PSC-97-0034-FOF-WS issued on January 7, 1997, in Docket No. 960040-WS. The water and wastewater certificates were originally issued pursuant to Order No. 16150, on May 23, 1986, in Docket No. 850517-WS in the name of Water Oak Utilities Co., Inc. The utility serves approximately 772 residential customers. According to the most recent information available, Sun's 1999 annual report filed with this Commission, the utility had gross revenue of \$86,424 for water and \$129,413 for wastewater with a net income of \$24,219 for water and \$44,933 for wastewater.

On April 21, 2000, Sun filed an application with this Commission for acknowledgment of a change in the name to Sun Communities Finance, LLC d/b/a Water Oak Utility. The application shows that there is no change in the ownership or control of the utility or its assets.

The complete name, address and type of business of the certificated utility is Sun Communities Finance, LLC d/b/a Water Oak Utility, 31700 Middlebelt Road, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, a Michigan corporation. The corporation is registered with the Secretary of State as a foreign corporation authorized to conduct business in the state of Florida. The reasons given for the change were that: 1) about a year previous to the submission the entity owning the utility changed slightly from a Limited Partnership to a Limited Liability Company; and 2) Water Oak Utility has been and continues to be the name the customers have known the utility as, since it was established. According to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, the fictitious name registration for the utility, owned by Sun Communities Finance LLC, does not expire until December 31, 2005.

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An original and two copies of the proposed water and wastewater tariffs reflecting the name change have been filed in this docket. Also, the original certificates have been filed with the Commission.

Section 2.07(C)(3), 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. As stated in the application, the ownership, control and assets of the utility will not change under the name change.

Staff recommends that an administrative order be issued approving the change of name for Certificates Nos. 454-W and 388-S to Sun Communities Finance, LLC d/b/a Water Oak Utility. Also, staff recommends that this docket be closed.