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**DATE:** August 14, 2019

**TO:** Jennifer S. Crawford, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the General Counsel

**FROM:** Luis Salvador, Engineering Specialist I, Division of Engineering *LS*

**RE:** Docket No. 20190050-WS - Application for transfer of water and wastewater facilities to City of New Port Richey, and cancellation of Certificate Nos. 315-W and 260-S, by Orangewood Lakes Services, Inc.

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Orangewood Lakes Services, Inc. (Orangewood or Utility) is a Class C utility with approximately 484 water and 441 wastewater customers in Pasco County. On February 22, 2019, the Commission received an application for transfer from Orangewood stating the City of New Port Richey (City) will purchase the Utility. The purchase occurred on April 4, 2019. Staff was provided a copy of the executed purchased agreement on August 09, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-30.038(2), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the Utility provided a copy of the document transferring the Utility's water and wastewater facilities. In accordance with Rule 25-30.038(2)(f), F.A.C., the Utility stated that all customer deposits have been transferred to the City. Orangewood has paid its regulatory assessment fees through the date of the sale. Additionally the Utility filed its 2018 Annual Report on April 1, 2019, and a copy has been provided to the City.

The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.071, F.S. Also, pursuant to Section 2.07(C)(4)(d) of the Administrative Procedures Manual, staff has been given administrative authority to approve transfers to governmental entities that are in compliance with Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S., and are not controversial in nature.

Based on the above, staff believes that the application is in compliance with Sections 367.071 and 367.022(2), F.S., and Rule 25-30.038, F.A.C. Staff recommends the Commission acknowledge the transfer of Orangewood's water and wastewater facilities to the City as a matter of right, pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S., and cancel Certificate Nos. 315-W and 260-S effective April 4, 2019. In addition, staff recommends the docket should be closed because no further action is necessary.

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20190050-WS)