#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for transfer of water DOCKET NO. 100377-WU facilities to Marion County, and amendment of Certificate No. 363-W, by Sunshine Utilities of ISSUED: November 15, 2010 Central Florida, Inc.

ORDER NO. PSC-10-0679-FOF-WU

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ART GRAHAM, Chairman LISA POLAK EDGAR NATHAN A. SKOP RONALD A. BRISÉ

FINAL ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING TRANSFER OF SUNSHINE UTILITIES OF CENTAL FLORIDA, INC'S LAKE VIEW HILLS SYSTEM TO MARION COUNTY AND AMENDING CERTIFICATE NO. 363-W

BY THE COMMISSION:

#### BACKGROUND

Sunshine Utilities of Central Florida, Inc. (Sunshine or Utility) is a Class B Utility providing water service to approximately 3,378 residential customers in Marion County. Wastewater service is provided by septic tanks. The Utility is within the St. Johns River Water Management District in the Water Resource Caution Area, as designated in accordance with Rule 40C-23.001, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The Utility's 2009 annual report indicates that the Utility had gross operating revenues of \$995,982 and a net operating loss of (\$121,114).

Sunshine was originally granted Certificate No. 363-W for its water system in 1982. The Utility has had 19 amendments and transfers since it received its certificate, including the Lake View Hills water system which was acquired in 1989.<sup>2</sup> Additional territory was added to the Lake View Hills system in 1998.<sup>3</sup> On September 13, 2010, Sunshine filed an application for

Order No. 11138, issued September 3, 1982, in Docket No. 810386-W (MC), In re: Application of SUNSHINE UTILITY COMPANY for a certificate to operate a utility in Marion County, Florida.

Order No. 20707, issued February 6, 1989, in Docket No. 880907-WU, In re: Application of SUNSHINE UTILITIES for transfer of Certificate No. 398-W in Marion County from Utility Systems, Inc.

Order No. PSC-98-0385-FOF-WU, issued March 11, 1998, in Docket No. 971297-WU, In re: Application for amendment of Certificate No. 363-W by Sunshine Utilities of Central Florida, Inc. in Marion County RT REMERS OF ALE

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transfer of its Lake View Hills system, which currently serves approximately 65 residential customers, to Marion County, Florida.

The purpose of this order is to acknowledge the transfer of Sunshine's Lake View Hills water system to Marion County as a matter of right and to amend Sunshine's Certificate No. 363-W to reflect the deletion of that territory. We have jurisdiction, pursuant to Section 367.071, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

#### DECISION

Sunshine filed for a transfer of its Lake View Hills facilities and amendment of Certificate No. 363-W on August 17, 2010. The Lake View Hills system currently serves approximately 65 residential customers. We estimate that the transfer of this system equates to an annual loss of revenue for the Utility in the amount of \$12,988. The Utility's application was found to be deficient. Responses to the deficiencies were filed on September 13, 2010. Pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S., the sale of facilities to a governmental authority shall be approved as a matter of right. As such, no notice of the transfer is required and no filing fees apply. The application is in compliance with Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S., and Rule 25-30.037(4), F.A.C.

On July 7, 2010, the Utility and Marion County executed a Standard Asset Purchase & Sale Agreement, in addition to an amended and restated Closing Statement, a Utility Easement and Bill of Sale, and an Assignment and Assumption of Permits, Certificates and Approvals. Copies of these contracts were included in the application. The date that Marion County officially assumed responsibility over the Lake View Hills system is the effective date of the transfer, August 2, 2010.

The application contains a statement that Marion County has received a copy of Sunshine's 2009 Annual Report, which includes the Utility's most recent available income and expense statement, balance sheet, statement of rate base for regulatory purposes, and contributions-in-aid-of-construction pursuant to Rule 25-30.037(4)(e), F.A.C. The Utility also included a statement indicating that all customer deposits and interest were refunded to customers on August 11, 2010. In accordance with Rule 25-30.120, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs) for the period ended June 30, 2010, and all prior periods have been paid. The Utility has committed that it will pay the RAFs due through the August 2, 2010, transfer date by January 30, 2011. Sunshine Utilities has also filed its annual reports for 2009 and all prior years.

We find that the transfer of Sunshine's Lake View Hills water system to Marion County is hereby acknowledged as a matter of right pursuant to Section 367.071(4)(a), F.S., and Certificate No. 363-W shall be amended to reflect the territory deletion effective August 2, 2010. A description of the territory deleted as a result of this transfer is appended to this order as Attachment A. The resultant order shall serve as Sunshine's water certificate and shall be retained by the Utility.

Based on the foregoing, it is

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ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the transfer of Sunshine Utilities of Central Florida, Inc.'s Lake View Hills water system to Marion County is hereby acknowledged as a matter of right as set forth herein. It is further

ORDERED that Certificate No. 363-W shall be amended to reflect the territory deletion described herein effective August 2, 2010. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 15th day of November, 2010.

ANN COLE Commission Clerk

Bv:

Dorothy E. Menasco

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Chief Deputy Commission Clerk

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### NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

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.

# Sunshine Utilities of Central Florida, Inc. Marion County Description of Deleted Water Territory

### Section 1 Township 15 S Range 23 E

Lakeview Hills

The South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 less and Except that portion lying Easterly of Southeast 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Southeast 118<sup>th</sup> Court Road, as said Avenue and Road are now constructed.

## Township 17 South, Range 23 East

#### Section 1

Beginning at the southwest corner of Section 1, Township 17 South, Range 23 East, thence N. 89°31'48" E. a distance of 800.00 feet thence N. 89°31'48" E. a distance of 520.99 FEET THENCE n. 00°09'18" W. a distance of 1179.79 feet thence S. 67°22'30" E. a distance of 1401.12 feet thence N. 00°19'53" W. a distance of 1062.45 feet thence S. 89°06'59" W. a distance of 340.00 feet thence S. 00°19'53" E. a distance of 20.00 feet, thence S. 89°06'59" W. a distance of 283.00 Feet thence N. 00°19'53" W. a distance of 59.61 feet thence S. 88°42'57" W a distance of 426.51 feet thence S. 00°19'53" E. a Distance of 173.08 feet, thence N. 67°22'30" W. a distance of 664.00 feet, more or less, thence N. 27°14'14" E. a distance of 340.98 feet more or less, thence N. 71°01'10" W. a distance of 244.18 feet, more or less, thence S. 21°15'10" W. a distance of 324.44 feet thence N. 67°22'30" W. a distance of 331.70 feet thence S. 00°01'09" W. a distance of 470.22 feet thence S. 67°22'30" E. a distance of 233.29 feet, more or less, thence due south a distance of 485.65 feet, thence continue due west a distance of 660.00 feet thence due south a distance of 975.05 to the point of beginning, containing 69 acres, more or less.

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION authorizes Sunshine Utilities of Central Florida, Inc.

# pursuant to Certificate Number 363-W

to provide water service in Marion County in accordance with the provision of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, 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.

| Order Number       | Date Issued | Docket Number       | Filing Type        |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 11138              | 09/03/82    | 810386-W (MC)       | Grandfather        |
| 11680              | 03/07/83    | 810423-W, 810363-W, | Transfer/Amendment |
|                    |             | 820409-W, 820408-W, |                    |
|                    |             | 820367-W            |                    |
| 14206              | 03/21/85    | 840087-WU           | Amendment          |
| 14978              | 09/20/85    | 840089-WU           | Amendment          |
| 15296              | 10/25/85    | 850280-WU           | Amendment          |
| 17161              | 02/06/87    | 861526-WU           | Amendment          |
| 17733              | 06/22/87    | 870181-WU           | Transfer/Amendment |
| 18081              | 09/01/87    | 860724-WU           | Amendment          |
| 20707              | 02/06/89    | 880907-WU           | Transfer           |
| 22239              | 11/29/89    | 891177-WU           | Name Change        |
| PSC-98-0385-FOF-WU | 03/11/98    | 971297-WU           | Amendment          |
| PSC-99-2390-FOF-WU | 12/07/99    | 980543-WU           | Amendment          |
| PSC-00-1062-FOF-WU | 06/02/00    | 991681 <b>-W</b> U  | Amendment          |
| PSC-02-1832-PAA-WU | 12/20/02    | 011632-WU           | Amendment          |
| PSC-02-1292-PAA-WU | 09/23/02    | 020256-WU           | Transfer/Amendment |
| PSC-03-0244-FOF-WU | 02/20/03    | 021034-WU           | Amendment          |
| PSC-03-1099-FOF-WU | 10/02/03    | 030128-WU           | Amendment          |
| PSC-03-1333-PAA-WU | 11/24/03    | 030340-WU           | Transfer/Amendment |
| PSC-04-1032-FOF-WU | 10/25/04    | 040388-WU           | Amendment          |
| PSC-06-0478-FOF-WU | 06/05/06    | 060283-WU           | Amendment          |
| PSC-10-0557-FOF-WU | 09/07/10    | 100156-WU           | Amendment          |
| PSC-10-0679-FOF-WU | 11/15/10    | 100377-WU           | Transfer/Amendment |