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DATE: May 4, 2026

TO: Saad Farooqi, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel
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FROM: Thomas E. Ballinger, Director, Division of Engineering *TB*

RE: Docket No. 20260029-WS - Application for acknowledgment of name change on water Certificate No. 354-W and wastewater Certificate No. 310-S in Lee County from Useppa Island Utility, Inc. to Useppa Island Utilities Company, Inc.

In response to a staff interrogatory in Docket No. 20250146-WS, Useppa Island Utilities, Inc. (Utility) indicated that an incorrect name was inadvertently used when registering with the Public Service Commission (Commission).¹ The regulated history of the Utility began in 1981, when the Utility was granted water and wastewater certificates 354-W and 310-S in Lee County under the name Useppa Island Utilities, Inc. (Original Certificate Name). However, the Utility was registered with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, on March 23, 1981, as Useppa Island Utilities Company, Inc. (Corporate Name). Subsequent filings with the Commission have reflected variations of the Utility's Original Certificate Name and Corporate Name. On February 23, 2026, staff established Docket No. 20260029-WS to correct the Utility's name for the Commission's records.

Rule 25-30.039, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), sets forth the filing requirements for changes in name only, with no change in the ownership or control of the utility or its assets. On March 2, 2026, the Utility filed an affidavit for acknowledgement of the name change of the Utility from its Original Certificate Name to its Corporate Name. The Utility provided a statement attesting that there will be no change in the ownership, assets, or control of the Utility, and that the name on file with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations is the correct name. The Utility provided documentation from the Florida Department of State that it has continuously been registered and operated under the Corporate Name since 1981. On May 1, 2026, the Utility filed an affidavit stating that it mailed the approved customer notice to its customers.

Section 2.07(C)(2)(a) of the Commission's Administrative Procedures Manual grants the Director of the appropriate technical division and the Office of the General Counsel authority to approve changes of names and corporate reorganizations of regulated utilities, where no change of ownership, control, or transfer of assets is involved, by notifying the Office of

¹ Document No. 00930-2026, in Docket No. 20250146-WS.

Commission Clerk. Staff has reviewed the Utility's filings and finds that the request for acknowledgement of change in name is in compliance with the provisions of Rule 25-30.039, F.A.C. Therefore, staff recommends that an administrative order be issued within 30 days acknowledging the change of name on Certificate Nos. 354-W and 310-S from Useppa Island Utilities, Inc. to Useppa Island Utilities Company, Inc.

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