

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20240104-WS

Application for grandfather
certificate to operate water and
wastewater utility in Citrus County,
by Tarawood Utilities, LLC.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 12

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY
COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

DATE: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
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Tallahassee, Florida

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Notary Public in and for
the State of Florida at Large

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: And then let's move to Item
3 No. 12.

4 Ms. Ramirez-Abundez, you are recognized.

5 MS. RAMIEREZ-ABUNDEZ: Good morning,
6 Commissioners.

7 Item No. 12 is staff's recommendation for
8 approval of verification for grandfather
9 certificate to operate a water and wastewater
10 utility in Citrus County by Tarawood Utilities,
11 LLC.

12 On May 28th, 2024, the Board of County
13 Commissioners of Citrus County passed and adopted a
14 resolution to transfer the regulation of
15 privately-owned for-profit water and wastewater
16 utilities operating within the county to the
17 Florida Public Service Commission.

18 On July 25, 2024, the Florida Public Service
19 Commission issued an order acknowledging the
20 resolution.

21 Effective upon the adoption of the resolution,
22 all non-exempt water and wastewater systems in
23 Citrus County became subject to the provisions of
24 Chapter 367, Florida Statutes.

25 Staff recommends the application for

1 grandfather certificate be approved, and the rate
2 and charges shown in Schedule 1 and 2 be approved.

3 Staff is available for questions.

4 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Excellent.

5 Is Mr. Thrumston, is he here? I know that
6 maybe he wanted to speak? Is this microphone live?
7 Oh, thanks.

8 MR. THRUMSTON: Thank you very much,
9 Commissioners.

10 Good morning. For the record, my name is John
11 Thrumston, Tarawood Utilities.

12 You know, as a past elected official, people
13 used to like to criticize us very quickly but never
14 liked to compliment us. So today I am here to
15 compliment your staff on an outstanding job that
16 they did working me through this process. It was
17 rather intimidating when we came up here. But now
18 that we got to know he each other, it was really
19 helpful, and your staff did a great job, and I want
20 to thank you guys for what you do.

21 Thank you very much.

22 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Awesome. Well, thank you.

23 Commissioners, any thoughts or questions for
24 Mr. Thrumston?

25 Thank you very much, and we appreciate that.

1 And sometimes the process can be a little
2 intimidating just with the items that are required,
3 of course, for us to look through, but I am
4 delighted that staff was able to help you and
5 navigate you through that process. That certainly
6 makes me, as a Commissioner and Chairman, feel good
7 that I know that companies are being able to get
8 the guidance and help that they need.

9 MR. THRUMSTON: Yeah, it was very, very
10 helpful, very knowledgeable. So thank you very
11 much. Thank you, staff.

12 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Awesome. Thank you.

13 All right. So hearing and a summary and
14 hearing, obviously, from Mr. Thrumston from
15 Tarawood, Commissioners, are there any other
16 questions or thoughts on Item No. 12?

17 Seeing none, open for a motion.

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Move to approve the item,
19 Mr. Chairman.

20 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Hearing a motion and
22 hearing a second.

23 All those in favor signify by saying yay.

24 (Chorus of yays.)

25 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yay.

1 Opposed no?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Show that Item No. 12

4 passes.

5 (Agenda item concluded.)

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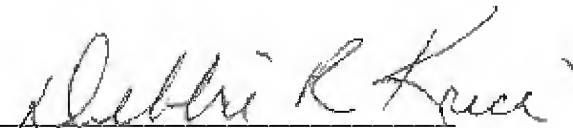
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COUNTY OF LEON)

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