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RE:	Notice of Abandonment - Normandy Village Utility Co-Op, Inc. (NVU)
FROM:	Laura V. King, Assistant Director, Division of Engineering
TO:	Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk
DATE:	July 8, 2025

NVU is exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction. However, please place the attached Notice of Abandonment in Docket No. 2025000-OT for informational purposes.



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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Normandy Village Utility Co-Op, Inc.; FDEP PWS ID 2160811 and FLA011517 NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This firm represents Normandy Village Utility Co-Op, Inc. ("NVU") NVU is a not-forprofit cooperative utility that serves approximately 1300 connections in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. NVU's Board of Directors is composed of a majority of members who are customers of the utility. The utility's long serving President, Dorothy Letien, recently passed away in March 2025. Having gained familiarity with the utility's finances, rates, and infrastructure needs following Ms. Letien's passing, a majority of Board Members have concluded that the utility is unlikely to remain operational for much longer. Based on input received from customers at a Town Hall meeting held by the Honorable Tyrona Clark-Murray on June 25, 2025, it appears that NVU's customers have a strong preference for the utility to transition to JEA.

The undersigned reached out to representatives of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") and JEA regarding JEA taking over the operations of NVU on

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an expedited and emergency basis. We would note that Article VII of NVU's Articles of Incorporation provides:

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more corporations or organizations which themselves are tax-exempt as corporations or organizations described in Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, <u>or to</u> the Federal, State or <u>Local Government exclusively for public purposes</u>.

(emphasis added) To allow for continuity of operations, a majority of the Board Members of NVU are willing to facilitate transition to one of these entities (or another entity pursuant to court order) on an expedited and emergency basis.

This notice of abandonment is being sent pursuant to Section 367.165, Florida Statutes and Rule 25-30.090, Florida Administrative Code:

(a) The utility's name and address: Normandy Village Utility Co-Op, Inc., 8081 Normandy Blvd #2, Jacksonville, FL 32221

(b) The person to contact regarding this notice, including that person's address, telephone number, and, if available, email address and fax number:

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(c) The date of the notice: July 7, 2025.

(d) The date the utility will be abandoned: NVU has received a commitment from its contract operator, A-Plus Environmental Solutions & Services, LLC ("A-Plus"), to continue operations for 60 days from the date of this letter conditioned on continued payment. However, NVU currently

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has approximately 1-3 weeks of operating cash on-hand. Therefore, NVU would respectfully request that transition to JEA take place sooner than 60 days on an expedited and emergency basis.

(e) Whether the water system, wastewater system, or both are to be abandoned: Both the water system and wastewater system.

(f) A statement of the reason the utility will be abandoned: Expenses exceed revenues.

(g) A statement of the status of the utility with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding outstanding citations or violations; NVU's wastewater facility has an Amended Consent Order with DEP (OGC # 20-0240), issued April 1, 2025, and Warning Letter No. WL25-084 was sent regarding NVU's drinking water facility on April 7, 2025.

(h) The location of the utility's books and records:

Current records are located at the utility's offices at:

Normandy Village Utility Co-Op, Inc. 8081 Normandy Blvd #2 Jacksonville, FL 32221

The utility also has a storage unit with historical records located at:

Atlantic Storage 7020 Normandy Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32205 Unit Numbers 618 and 649

Please contact me as soon as possible to assist with facilitation of the transition of the utility's operations on an emergency and expedited basis.

Thank you,

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