25-30.029 Legal Description of Service Area.

(1) The utility shall provide a legal description of the service area, as defined in Section 367.021(10), F.S., to be served, extended, deleted, or transferred in the following applications:

(a) An original certificate of authorization as provided in Rule 25-30.033, Rule 25-30.034, or Rule 25-30.035, F.A.C.;

(b) An extension of service area as provided in Rule 25-30.036(2) or (3), F.A.C.;

(c) A deletion of service area as provided in Rule 25-30.036(4), F.A.C.;

(d) A transfer of a regulated utility to another regulated utility as provided in Rule 25-30.037(2), F.A.C.;

(e) A transfer of an exempt entity to a regulated utility as provided in Rule 25-30.037(3), F.A.C.;

(f) A change of majority organizational control of a regulated utility as provided in Rule 25-30.037(4), F.A.C.;

(g) A change of ownership of a utility parent as provided in Rule 25-30.037(5), F.A.C.;

(h) A transfer of a regulated utility to an exempt entity as provided in Rule 25-30.037(6), F.A.C.; or

(i) A partial transfer of a regulated utility to a governmental authority as provided in Rule 25-30.037(7)(i), F.A.C.;

(2) The complete legal description of the service area to be served, extended, deleted, or transferred shall include:

(a) A reference to township(s), range(s), land section(s), and county(s); and

(b) A complete and accurate description of the service area to be served, added, deleted, or transferred. The description may reference interstates, state roads, local streets, and

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major bodies of water, but shall not rely on references to government lots, recorded plats or
lots, tracts, or other recorded instruments. The description shall be provided in one of the
following formats:

1. Sections: If the service area includes complete sections, the description shall only
include the township, range, and section reference. If the service area includes partial sections,
the description shall identify the subsections to be included or excluded.

2. Metes and bounds: The description shall include a point of beginning which is
referenced from either a section corner or a subsection corner, such as a quarter corner. The
perimeter shall be described by traversing the service area boundary and closing at the point of
beginning. The description shall include all bearings and distances necessary to provide a
continuous description.

Specific Authority 350.127(2), 367.121(1) FS. Law Implemented 367.071 FS. History–New -
25-30.030 Notice of Application.

(1) When a utility applies for a certificate of authorization, an extension or deletion of its service area, or a sale, assignment or transfer of its certificate of authorization, facilities or any portion thereof or majority organizational control, it shall provide notice of its application in the manner prescribed and to the entities described in this rule section, when it applies for any of the following:

(a) An original certificate of authorization as provided in Rules 25-30.033 and 25-30.034, F.A.C.

(b) An extension of service area as provided in Rule 25-30.036(2) or (3), F.A.C.

(c) A deletion of service area as provided in Rule 25-30.036(4), F.A.C.;

(d) A transfer of a regulated utility to another regulated utility as provided in Rule 25-30.037(2), F.A.C.;

(e) A transfer of an exempt entity to a regulated utility as provided in Rule 25-30.037(3), F.A.C.;

(f) A change of majority organizational control of a regulated utility as provided in Rule 25-30.037(4), F.A.C.;

(g) A change in ownership of a utility parent as provided in Rule 25-30.037(5), F.A.C.;

or

(h) A transfer of a regulated utility to an exempt entity as provided in Rule 25-30.037(6), F.A.C.

(2) The notice shall be titled: Before providing notice in accordance with this section, a utility shall obtain from the Commission a list of the names and addresses of the municipalities, the county or counties, the regional planning council, the Office of Public Counsel, the Commission’s Office of Commission Clerk, the appropriate regional office of the

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Department of Environmental Protection, the appropriate water management district, and
privately-owned water and wastewater utilities that hold a certificate granted by the Public
Service Commission and that are located within the county in which the utility or the territory
proposed to be served is located. In addition, if any portion of the proposed territory is within
one mile of a county boundary, the utility shall obtain from the Commission a list of the
names and addresses of the privately-owned utilities located in the bordering counties and
holding a certificate granted by the Commission. The utility’s request for the list shall include
a complete legal description of the territory to be requested in the application that includes:
(a) Notice of Application for Original Certificate of Authorization for Water,
Wastewater, or Water and Wastewater A reference to township(s), range(s), land section(s)
and county; and
(b) Notice of Application for Amendment to Certificate of Authorization To Extend
Service Area: A complete and accurate description of the territory served or proposed to be
served in one of the following formats. The description may reference interstates, state roads,
and major bodies of water. The description shall not rely on references to government lots,
local streets, recorded plats or lots, tracts, or other recorded instruments.
1. Sections: If the territory includes complete sections, the description shall only
include the township, range, and section reference. If the territory includes partial sections, the
description shall either identify the subsections included or excluded.
2. Metes and bounds: A point of beginning which is referenced from either a section
corner or a subsection corner, such as a quarter corner. The perimeter shall be described by
traversing the proposed territory and closing at the point of beginning. The description shall
include all bearings and distances necessary to provide a continuous description.
(c) Notice of Application for Amendment to Certificate of Authorization To Delete

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Service Area;

(d) Notice of Application for Authority To Transfer Water, Wastewater, or Water and Wastewater Certificate(s) of Authorization;

(e) Notice of Application for Authority to Transfer an Exempt Entity To a Regulated Utility;

(f) Notice of Application for Transfer of Majority Organizational Control of a Regulated Utility;

(g) Notice of Application for Authority To Change Ownership of a Utility Parent; or

(h) Notice of Application for Authority To Transfer a Regulated Utility to an Exempt Entity.

(3) The Notice of Application shall include the following information:

The notice shall be appropriately styled:

(a) The date the notice is given; Notice of Application for an Initial Certificate of Authorization for Water, Wastewater, or Water and Wastewater Certificate;

(b) The name, address, telephone number, and, if available, email address, and fax number of the applicant; Notice of Application for an Extension of Service Area;

(c) The common name of developments served by the utility; Notice of Application for Deletion of Service Area;

(d) The application docket number and title; Notice of Application for a Transfer of Water, Wastewater, or Water and Wastewater Certificate(s); or

(e) The common reference of street names bordering the area served by the utility;

Notice of Application for a Transfer of Majority Organizational Control.

(f) A description of the service area proposed to be served, extended, deleted, or transferred as prescribed in Rule 25-30.029, F.A.C. In the event a complete legal description is

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unduly lengthy or complicated, an abbreviated description using section, township, and range
of the subject service area may be provided so long as the notice contains a disclosure that the
legal description has been simplified and that a complete legal description can be obtained by
contacting the applicant or by using the Commission Web site; and

(g) A statement that any objections to the application must be filed with the Office of
Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, no later
than 30 days after the last date that the notice was mailed or published.

(4) The utility shall provide notice of the service area proposed to be served, extended,
deleted, or transferred in the following manner: The notice shall include the following:

(a) By regular mail to the entities included on the list of governmental entities and
other utilities which will be provided by Commission staff subsequent to filing the application;
The date the notice is given;

(b) By regular mail or personal service to each customer and owner of property located
within the service area to be served, extended, deleted, or transferred; and The name and
address of the applicant;

(c) By publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the proposed service area. If
the utility service area crosses county lines, notice shall be published in a newspaper of
general circulation in each county. A description, using township, range and section
references, of the territory proposed to be either served, added, deleted, or transferred; and

(d) A statement that any objections to the application must be filed with the Director,
Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-
0850, no later than 30 days after the last date that the notice was mailed or published,
whichever is later.

(5) All applications requiring noticing shall be deemed deficient until all notices are

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given and affidavits of noticing, along with a copy of the notice, are filed. The affidavits shall attest that the notices were given as prescribed in paragraphs (4)(a), (b), and (c), above. The applicant shall obtain the affidavit of notice publication, pursuant to paragraph (4)(c) above, from the newspaper(s). Within 7 days of filing its application, the utility shall provide a copy of the notice by regular mail to:

(a) The governing body of the county in which the utility system or the territory proposed to be served is located;

(b) The governing body of any municipality contained on the list obtained pursuant to subsection (2) above;

(e) The regional planning council designated by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1288(2);

(d) All water or wastewater utilities contained on the list(s) obtained pursuant to subsection (2) above;

(e) The office of Public Counsel;

(f) The Commission’s Office of Commission Clerk;

(g) The appropriate regional office of the Department of Environmental Protection;

and

(h) The appropriate Water Management District.

(6) This rule does not apply to applications for certificates following recision of jurisdiction by counties filed under Section 367.171, F.S.; transfers to governmental authorities filed under Section 367.071, F.S.; name changes or corporate reorganizations filed under Section 367.1214, F.S.; or abandonments filed under Section 367.165, F.S. No sooner than 21 days before the application is filed and no later than 7 days after the application is filed, the utility shall also provide a copy of the Notice, by regular mail or personal service, to

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(7) The Notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the territory proposed to be served, added, deleted, or transferred. The publication shall be within 7 days of filing the application.

(8) A copy of the notice(s) and list of the entities receiving notice pursuant to this rule shall accompany the affidavit required by Sections 367.045(1)(e) and (2)(f), F.S. The affidavit shall be filed no later than 15 days after filing the application.

(9) This rule does not apply to applications for grandfather certificates filed under Section 367.171, F.S., or to applications for transfers to governmental authorities filed under Section 367.071, F.S., or to name changes.


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(1) Each utility subject to regulation by the Commission shall apply for an original certificate of authorization, amendment to an existing certificate of authorization, transfer of a certificate of authorization, or name change, or corporate reorganization by filing a completed application and six copies, in accordance with the applicable Rule 25-30.033, 25-30.034, 25-30.035, 25-30.036, subsection 25-30.037(1) or (2), (3), (4), or (5), or Rule 25-30.039, F.A.C. However, a utility shall apply for a transfer to an exempt entity, a governmental authority, or notice of abandonment by filing a completed application and two copies, in accordance with subsections 25-30.037(6) and (7) or 25-30.090, (3) and (4), F.A.C.

The application shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850. Sample application forms and model tariffs may be obtained from the Commission Website (www.psc.state.fl.us) by clicking on Utility Regulation, then on Water & Wastewater, and then on Water and Wastewater Application Packages, or the Division of Economic Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

(2) A utility may file a combined applications if it is applying for certificates of authorization or any amendments thereto for both water and wastewater systems; however, the utility shall remit a separate application fee for each action and system service. The Commission shall treat a combined application as if a separate application had been filed for each action and system service.

(3) The official filing date of an application filed pursuant for an original certificate, any amendment to Rules 25-30.033, 25-30.034, 25-30.035, 25-30.036, and 25-30.037, F.A.C., an existing certificate, or any transfer shall be the date a completed application is filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, except that the noticing requirements set forth in Rule 25-
30.030, F.A.C., do not need to be completed at that time. If, however, the utility has not completed the noticing within the time limits prescribed by Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C., the official filing date shall be the date the noticing is complete.

Specific Authority 350.127(2), 367.121 FS. Law Implemented 367.031, 367.045, 367.071, 367.083 FS. History – New 1-27-91, Amended 11-30-93, 5-29-08, __________.

(1) Each application for an original certificate of authorization and initial rates and charges shall provide the following information:

(a) A filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2)(a), F.A.C.; The applicant’s name and address;

(b) Proof of noticing pursuant to Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C.; The nature of the applicant’s business organization, i.e., corporation, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship, association, etc.;

(c) The utility's complete name, address, telephone number, authorized representative, and, if available, email address and fax number; The name(s) and address(es) of all corporate officers, directors, partners, or any other person(s) or entities owning an interest in the applicant’s business organization;

(d) The nature of the utility’s business organization, i.e., corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship, association, etc.; Whether the applicant has made an election under Internal Revenue Code § 1362 to be an S corporation;

(e) The name(s), address(es), and percentage of ownership of each entity which owns or will own more than a 5% interest in the utility; A statement showing the financial and technical ability of the applicant to provide service, and the need for service in the proposed area. The statement shall identify any other utilities within the area proposed to be served that could potentially provide service, and the steps the applicant took to ascertain whether such other service is available;

(f) Whether the applicant has made an election under Internal Revenue Code § 1362 to be an S corporation; A statement that to the best of the applicant’s knowledge, the provision of service will be consistent with the water and wastewater sections of the local comprehensive

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plan as approved by the Department of Community Affairs at the time the application is filed;
or, if not consistent, a statement demonstrating why granting the certificate of authorization
would be in the public interest;

(g) A statement indicating whether the application is for water, wastewater, or both. If
the applicant is applying for water or wastewater only, the statement shall include how the
other service is provided; The date applicant plans to begin serving customers;

(h) Documentation showing the financial ability of the applicant to provide service.
The documentation shall include the most recent financial statements of the utility, if
available, showing all utility assets, liabilities, and the most recent twelve months of income
and expenses. In addition, provide a list of all entities, including affiliates, upon which the
applicant is relying to provide funding to the utility and a copy of all financial agreements
documenting the sources of funding; The number of equivalent residential connections (ERCs)
proposed to be served, by meter size and customer class. If development will be in phases,
separate this information by phase;

(i) Documentation of the technical ability of the applicant to provide service,
including: A description of the types of customers anticipated, i.e., single family homes,
mobile homes, duplexes, golf course clubhouse, commercial, etc.;

1. The applicant’s experience in the water or wastewater industry;

2. A copy of all current construction and operating permits or a statement regarding the
steps taken to obtain permits from the Department of Environmental Protection and the water
management district; and

3. A list of all current licensed operators and classification or the steps taken to obtain
the required licensed operators;

(j) A legal description of the proposed service area, in the format prescribed in Rule
25-30.029, F.A.C.; Evidence, in the form of a warranty deed, that the utility owns the land
upon which the utility treatment facilities are or will be located, or a copy of an agreement
which provides for the continued use of the land, such as a 99-year lease. The Commission
may consider a written easement or other cost-effective alternative. The applicant may submit
a contract for the purchase and sale of land with an unexecuted copy of the warranty deed,
provided the applicant files an executed and recorded copy of the deed, or executed copy of
the lease, within 30 days after the order granting the certificate;

(k) Documentation of the need for service in the proposed area, including:

1. The number of customers currently being served and proposed to be served, by
customer class and meter size, including a description of the types of customers currently
being served and anticipated, i.e., single family homes, mobile homes, duplexes, golf course
clubhouse, or commercial. If the development will be in phases, this information shall be
separated by phase; and

2. A copy of all requests for service from property owners or developers in areas not
currently served;

(l) The current land use designation of the proposed service territory as described in
the local comprehensive plan, as approved by the Department of Community Affairs, at the
time the application is filed. If the proposed development will require a revision to the
comprehensive plan, describe the steps taken and to be taken to facilitate those changes,
including changes needed to address the proposed need for service described in paragraph (k).

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above; A description of the territory to be served, using township, range and section references
as specified in subsection 25-30.030(2), F.A.C.;

(m) The date applicant began or plans to begin serving customers. If already serving
customers, when and under what circumstances applicant began serving; One copy of a
detailed system map showing the proposed lines, treatment facilities and the territory proposed
to be served. The map shall be of sufficient scale and detail to enable correlation with the
description of the territory proposed to be served;

(n) Documentation of the utility's right to continued long term use of the land upon
which the utility treatment facilities are or will be located. This documentation shall be in the
form of a recorded warranty deed, recorded quit claim deed accompanied by title insurance,
recorded long term lease, or recorded easement. The applicant may submit a contract for the
long term use with an unexecuted or unrecorded copy of the instrument provided the applicant
files a recorded copy within the time prescribed in the order granting the certificate; One copy
of the official county tax assessment map, or other map showing township, range, and section
with a scale such as 1" = 200' or 1" = 400', with the proposed territory plotted thereon by use
of metes and bounds or quarter sections, and with a defined reference point of beginning;

(o) An original, two copies, and one electronic draft tariff containing all rates,
classifications, charges, rules, and regulations, which shall be consistent with Chapter 25-9,
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(www.psc.state.fl.us) by clicking on Utility Regulation, then on Water & Wastewater, and
then on Water and Wastewater Application Packages, or from the Division of Economic
Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850; A statement
regarding the separate capacities of the proposed lines and treatment facilities in terms of
ERCs and gallons per day. If development will be in phases, separate this information by

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phase;

(p) A detailed system map showing the existing and proposed lines and treatment facilities, with the territory proposed to be served plotted thereon consistent, with the legal description provided in paragraph (j), above. The map shall be of sufficient scale and detail to enable correlation with the description of the territory proposed to be served; A written description of the type of water treatment, wastewater treatment, and method of effluent disposal;

(q) An official county tax assessment map, or other map showing township, range, and section with a scale such as 1" = 200' or 1" = 400', with the proposed territory plotted thereon, consistent with the legal description provided in paragraph (j), above; If subsection (p) above does not include effluent disposal by means of reuse, a statement that describes with particularity the reasons for not using reuse;

(r) A description of the separate capacities of the existing and proposed lines and treatment facilities in terms of equivalent residential connections (ERCs) and gallons per day estimated demand per ERC for water and wastewater and the basis for such estimate. If the development will be in phases, this information shall be separated by phase; A detailed financial statement (balance sheet and income statement), certified if available, of the financial condition of the applicant, that shows all assets and liabilities of every kind and character. The income statement shall be for the preceding calendar or fiscal year. If an applicant has not operated for a full year, then the income statement shall be for the lesser period. The financial statement shall be prepared in accordance with Rule 25-30.115, F.A.C. If available, a statement of the source and application of funds shall also be provided;

(s) A description of the type of water treatment, wastewater treatment, and method of effluent disposal; A list of all entities, including affiliates, upon which the applicant is relying CODING: Words underlined are additions; words in struck through type are deletions from existing law.
to provide funding to the utility, and an explanation of the manner and amount of such
funding, which shall include their financial statements and copies of any financial agreements
with the utility. This requirement shall not apply to any person or entity holding less than 10
percent ownership interest in the utility;

(t) The existing and projected cost of the system(s) and associated depreciation by year
until design capacity is reached using the National Association of Regulatory Utility
Commissioners (NARUC) Uniform System of Accounts (USOA). The applicant shall identify
the year that 80 percent of design capacity is anticipated; A cost study including customer
growth projections supporting the proposed rates, charges and service availability charges. A
sample cost study, and assistance in preparing initial rates and charges, are available from the
Division of Economic Regulation;

(u) The existing and projected annual contributions-in-aid-of-construction (CIAC) and
associated amortization by year including a description of assumptions regarding customer
growth projections using the same projections used in paragraph (j)1. for the proposed service
area. The projected CIAC shall identify cash and property contributions and amortization at
100 percent of design capacity and identify the year when 80 percent of design capacity is
anticipated. The projected CIAC shall be consistent with the service availability policy and
charges in the proposed tariff and the CIAC guidelines in 25-30.580, F.A.C.; A schedule
showing the projected cost of the proposed system(s) by uniform system of accounts (USOA)
account numbers pursuant to Rule 25-30.115, F.A.C., and the related capacity of each system
in ERCs and gallons per day. If the utility will be built in phases, this shall apply to the first
phase;

(v) The current annual operating expenses and the projected annual operating expenses
at 80 percent of design capacity using the NARUC USOA; A schedule showing the projected

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operating expenses of the proposed system by USOA account numbers, when 80 percent of
the designed capacity of the system is being utilized. If the utility will be built in phases, this
shall apply to the first phase; and

(w) The existing and projected debt to equity ratio and the existing and proposed cost
of debt. The applicant shall provide documentation to support the existing and proposed cost
of debt and the methods of financing the construction and operation of the utility until the
utility reaches 80 percent of the design capacity of the system; A schedule showing the
projected capital structure including the methods of financing the construction and operation
of the utility until the utility reaches 80 percent of the design capacity of the system.

(x) A schedule showing how the proposed rates were developed, including any parent
debt adjustment as required by Rule 25-14.004, F.A.C.;

(y) A schedule showing how the proposed service availability charges were developed,
including meter installation, main extension, and plant capacity charges; and

(z) A schedule showing how the miscellaneous service charges were developed,
including initial connection, normal reconnection, violation reconnection, and premises visit
fees, consistent with Rule 25-30.460, F.A.C.

(2) The base facility and usage rate structure (as defined in subsection 25-30.437(6),
F.A.C.) shall be utilized for metered service, unless an alternative rate structure is supported
by the applicant and authorized by the Commission.

(3) A return on common equity shall be established using the current equity leverage
formula established by order of this Commission pursuant to Section 367.081(4), F.S., unless
there is competent substantial evidence supporting the use of a different return on common
equity.

(4) Utilities obtaining original initial certificates of authorization pursuant to this rule

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are authorized to accrue allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC) for projects found eligible pursuant to subsection 25-30.116(1), F.A.C.

(a) The applicable AFUDC rate shall be determined as the utility’s projected weighted cost of capital as demonstrated in its application for original certificate of authorization and initial rates and charges.

(b) A discounted monthly AFUDC rate calculated in accordance with subsection 25-30.116(3), F.A.C., shall be used to insure that the annual AFUDC charged does not exceed authorized levels.

(c) The date the utility shall begin to charge the AFUDC rate shall be the date the original certificate of authorization is issued to the utility so that such rate can apply to the initial construction of the utility facilities.


(1) Each application for original certificate of authorization by an existing utility currently charging for service, which is applying for an initial certificate of authorization, other than an application filed under Section 367.171, F.S., shall provide the following information:

(a) A filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2)(a), F.A.C.; The utility’s complete name and address;

(b) Proof of noticing pursuant to Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C.; The nature of the utility’s business organization, i.e., corporation, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship, association, etc.;

(c) The applicant’s complete name, address, telephone number, authorized representative, and, if available, email address and fax number; The name(s) and address(es) of all corporate officers, directors, partners, or any other person(s) owning an interest in the utility;

(d) The nature of the utility’s business organization, i.e., corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship, association; A statement regarding the financial and technical ability of the applicant to continue to provide service;

(e) The name(s), address(es), and percentage of ownership of each entity which owns or will own more than a 5% interest in the utility; Evidence that the utility owns the land upon which the utility treatment facilities are located, or a copy of an agreement which provides for the continued use of the land, such as a 99-year lease. The Commission may consider a written easement or other cost-effective alternative;

(f) A statement indicating whether the application is for water, wastewater, or both. If
the applicant is applying for water or wastewater only, the statement shall include how the
other service is provided; One original and two copies of a model tariff, containing all rates,
classifications, charges, rules, and regulations, which shall be consistent with Chapter 25-9,
F.A.C. Model tariffs are available from the Division of Economic Regulation, 2540 Shumard
Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850;

(g) A description of the types of customers served, i.e., single family homes, mobile
homes, duplexes, golf course clubhouse, or commercial; A statement specifying on what date
and under what authority the current rates and charges were established;

(h) A schedule showing the number of customers currently served, by class and meter
size, as well as the number of customers projected to be served when the requested service
territory is fully developed; A description of the territory to be served, using township, range
and section references as specified in subsection 25-30.030(2), F.A.C.;

(i) Documentation showing the financial ability of the applicant to continue to provide
service. The documentation shall include the most recent financial statements of the utility,
showing all utility assets and liabilities and the most recent twelve months of income and
expenses. In addition, provide a list of all entities, including affiliates, upon which the
applicant is relying to provide funding to the utility and a copy of all financial agreements
documenting the sources of funding; One copy of a detailed system map showing the lines,
treatment facilities and the territory to be served. Any territory not served at the time of the
application shall be specifically identified on the system map. The map shall be of sufficient
scale and detail to enable correlation with the description of the territory to be served;

(j) Documentation of the technical ability of the applicant to provide service,
including: One copy of the official county tax assessment map, or other map showing
township, range, and section with a scale such as 1"=200' or 1"=400', with the proposed

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territory plotted thereon by use of metes and bounds or quarter sections, and with a defined reference point of beginning;

1. The applicant's experience in the water or wastewater industry;
2. A copy of all current construction and operating permits or a statement regarding the steps taken to obtain permits from the Department of Environmental Protection and the water management district; and
3. A list of all current licensed operators and classification or the steps taken to obtain the required licensed operators;
(k) A legal description of the proposed service area, in the format prescribed in Rule 25-30.029, F.A.C.; The numbers and dates of any permits issued for the systems by the Department of Environmental Protection;
(l) A statement explaining when and under what circumstances the applicant began providing service prior to obtaining a certificate of authorization. The date the utility was established;
(m) Documentation of the utility's right to continued long term use of the land upon which the utility treatment facilities are located. This documentation shall be in the form of a recorded warranty deed, recorded quit claim deed accompanied by title insurance, recorded long term lease, or recorded easement. The applicant may submit a contract for the long term use with an unexecuted or unrecorded copy of the instrument provided the applicant files a recorded copy within the time prescribed in the order granting the certificate; A statement explaining how and why applicant began providing service prior to obtaining a certificate of authorization; and
(n) An original, two copies, and one electronic draft tariff containing all rates, classifications, charges, rules, and regulations, which shall be consistent with Chapter 25-9.

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F.A.C. Sample application forms and model tariffs are available on the Commission website (www.psc.state.fl.us) by clicking on Utility Regulation, then on Water & Wastewater, and then on Water and Wastewater Application Packages, or from the Division of Economic Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850; a schedule showing the number of customers currently served, by class and meter size, as well as the number of customers projected to be served when the requested service territory is fully occupied:

(o) Documentation specifying on what date and under what authority the current rates and charges were established;

(p) A detailed system map showing existing and proposed lines and treatment facilities with the territory proposed to be served plotted thereon, consistent with the legal description provided in paragraph (k), above. Any territory not served at the time of the application shall be specifically identified on the system map. The map shall be of sufficient scale and detail to enable correlation with the description of the territory proposed to be served;

(q) An official county tax assessment map or other map showing township, range, and section with a scale such as 1"=200' or 1"=400', with the proposed territory plotted thereon, consistent with the legal description provided in paragraph (k), above; and;

(2) If the applicant is requesting any territory not served at the time of application, provide the following:

(a) Documentation of a statement showing the need for service in the proposed area, including:

1. The number of customers proposed to be served, by customer class and meter size, including a description of the types of customers anticipated, i.e., single family homes, mobile homes, duplexes, golf course clubhouse, commercial. If the development will be in phases,
this information shall be separated by phase; and

2. A copy of all requests for service from property owners or developers in areas not currently served;

(b) The current land use designation of the proposed service territory as described in A statement that to the best of the applicant’s knowledge, the provision of service in this territory will be consistent with the water and wastewater sections of the local comprehensive plan, as approved by the Department of Community Affairs, at the time the application is filed. If the proposed development will require a revision to the comprehensive plan, describe the steps taken and to be taken to facilitate those changes, including changes needed to address the proposed need for service described in paragraph (2)(a), above, or, if not consistent, a statement demonstrating why granting the territory would be in the public interest.


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25-30.035 Application for Original Grandfather Certificate Following Rescission of Jurisdiction by a County.

(1) Each applicant for an original certificate of authorization following rescission of jurisdiction by a county under the provisions of Section 367.171, F.S., (commonly known as the grandfather provision) shall provide the following information:

(a) A filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2)(d), F.A.C.;

(b)(4) The applicant’s utility’s complete name, and address, telephone number, authorized representative, and, if available, email address and fax number;

(c)(2) The nature of the utility’s business organization, i.e., corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship, association, etc.;

(d)(3) The name(s), and address(es), and percentage of ownership of each entity which owns or will own of all corporate officers, directors, partners, or any other person(s) owning more than a 5% interest in the utility;

(e) A statement indicating whether the application is for water, wastewater, or both. If the applicant is applying for water or wastewater only, the statement shall include how the other service is provided;

(f)(4) The date the utility was established;

(g)(5) A description of the types of customers served, i.e., single family homes, mobile homes, duplexes, golf course clubhouse, or commercial, etc.;

(6) Evidence that the utility owns the land upon which the utility treatment facilities are located, or a copy of an agreement which provides for the continued use of the land, such as a 99-year lease. The Commission may consider a written easement or other cost-effective alternative;

(7) One original and two copies of a tariff, containing all rates, classifications, charges, evidence that the utility owns the land upon which the utility treatment facilities are located, or a copy of an agreement which provides for the continued use of the land, such as a 99-year lease. The Commission may consider a written easement or other cost-effective alternative.

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rules, and regulations, which shall be consistent with Chapter 25-9, F.A.C. Sample tariffs are available from the Division of Economic Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850;

(8) A statement specifying on what date and under what authority the current rates and charges were established;

(9) A description, using township, range, and section references as specified in subsection 25-30.030(2), F.A.C., of the territory the utility was serving, or was authorized to serve by the county which had jurisdiction over the utility on the day Chapter 367, F.S., became applicable to the utility;

(10) One copy of a detailed system map showing the lines, treatment facilities and the territory to be served. Any territory not served at the time of the application shall be specifically identified, and the map shall be of sufficient scale and detail to enable correlation with the description of the territory to be served;

(11) One copy of the official county tax assessment map, or other map showing township, range, and section, with a scale such as 1" = 200' or 1" = 400', with the proposed territory plotted thereon by use of metes and bounds or quarter sections, and with a defined reference point of beginning;

(12) The numbers and dates of any permits issued for the systems by the Department of Environmental Protection; and

(h) (13) A schedule showing the number of customers currently served, by class and meter size, as well as the number of customers projected to be served when the requested service territory is fully developed; occupied;

(i) A legal description of the proposed service area, in the format prescribed in Rule 25-30.029, F.A.C. The utility must provide documentation of the territory the utility was

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serving, or was authorized to serve, from the county which had jurisdiction over the utility on
the day Chapter 367, F.S., became applicable to the utility;

   (j) Documentation of the utility's right to continued long term use of the land upon
which the utility treatment facilities are located. This documentation shall be in the form of a
recorded warranty deed, recorded quit claim deed accompanied by title insurance, recorded
long term lease, or recorded easement. The applicant may submit a contract for the long term
use with an unexecuted or unrecorded copy of the instrument provided the applicant files a
recorded copy within the time prescribed in the order granting the certificate;

   (k) An original, two copies, and one electronic draft tariff containing all rates,
classifications, rules, and regulations, which shall be consistent with Chapter 25-9,
F.A.C. Sample application forms and model tariffs are available on the Commission website
(www.psc.state.fl.us) by clicking on Utility Regulation, then on Water & Wastewater, and
then on Water and Wastewater Application Packages, or from the Division of Economic
Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850;

   (l) Documentation specifying on what date and under what authority the current rates
and charges were established;

   (m) A detailed system map showing the existing and proposed lines and treatment
facilities, with the territory proposed to be served plotted thereon, consistent with the legal
description provided in paragraph (i), above. Any territory not served at the time of the
application shall be specifically identified on the system map. The map shall be of sufficient
scale and detail to enable correlation with the description of the territory to be served;

   (n) An official county tax assessment map or other map showing township, range, and
section with a scale such as 1" = 200' or 1" = 400', with the proposed territory plotted thereon,
consistent with the legal description provided in paragraph (i), above;

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(o) A copy of all current operating permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection and water management district.

(2) No noticing pursuant to Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C., applies to this application.

Specific Authority 350.127(2), 367.121, 367.1213 FS. Law Implemented 367.1213, 367.171 FS. History—Amended 7-21-65, 1-7-69, 2-3-70, 3-6-71, Revised 9-12-74, Amended 3-26-81, Formerly 25-10.02, 25-10.002, Amended 11-10-86, 1-27-91, 11-30-93, ________________.
25-30.036 Application for Amendment to Certificate of Authorization to Extend or Delete Service Area.

(1) This rule applies to any certificated water or wastewater utility that proposes to extend its service territory into an area in which there is no existing water or wastewater system or proposes to delete a portion of its service territory.

(2) A request for service territory expansion and amendment of an existing certificate (commonly known as a “quick take” amendment) or issuance of a new certificate shall be considered approved under the following conditions if no protest is timely filed to the notice of application:

(a) The utility has provided a written statement of an officer of the utility that the proposed new territory includes a maximum of 25 equivalent residential connections within such territory at the time the territory is at buildout; and

(b) The utility has provided a written statement of an officer of the utility that, upon investigation, to the best of his or her knowledge:

1. There is no other utility in the area of the proposed territory that is willing and capable of providing reasonably adequate service to the new territory; and

2. The person(s) or business(es) requesting water or wastewater service have demonstrated to the utility that service is necessary because (1) a private well has been contaminated or gone dry, (2) a septic tank has failed, or (3) service is otherwise not available.

(c) The utility has filed an 

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application which meets the requirements of paragraphs (3)(a), (b), (c), (e), (h), (i), and (q), below in accordance with subsection (2) of this rule within 45 days of the completion of the notice requirements.

(3) Each utility proposing to extend its service area, which shall file only (a), (d), (e), (i), (m), (o), (p), (q), and (r) listed

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below) shall provide the following:

(a) A filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2)(c), F.A.C.; The utility’s complete name and address;

(b) Noticing pursuant to Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C.; A statement showing the financial and technical ability of the utility to provide service and the need for service in the area requested;

(c) The utility's complete name, address, telephone number, authorized representative, and, if available, email address and fax number; A statement that to the best of the applicant’s knowledge the provision of service will be consistent with the water and wastewater sections of the local comprehensive plan at the time the application is filed, as approved by the Department of Community Affairs, or, if not, a statement demonstrating why granting the amendment would be in the public interest;

(d) Documentation of the technical ability of the applicant to provide service, including documentation of the applicant's experience in the water or wastewater industry and a list of all current licensed operators and classification or the steps taken to obtain the required licensed operators; Evidence that the utility owns the land upon which the utility treatment facilities that will serve the proposed territory are located or a copy of an agreement, such as a 99 year lease, which provides for the continued use of the land. The Commission may consider a written easement or other cost-effective alternative;

(e) Documentation of the need for service in the proposed area, including: A description of the territory proposed to be served, using township, range and section references as specified in subsection 25-30.030(2), F.A.C.;

1. The number of customers currently being served and proposed to be served, by customer class and meter size, including a description of the types of customers anticipated,
i.e., single family homes, mobile homes, duplexes, golf course clubhouse, commercial;

2. A copy of all requests for service from property owners or developers in areas not
currently served; and

3. Identification of any other utilities within the area proposed to be served that could
potentially provide service, and the steps the applicant took to ascertain whether such other
service is available.

(f) The current land use designation of the proposed service territory as described in
the local comprehensive plan as approved by the Department of Community Affairs, at the
time the application is filed. If the proposed development will require a revision to the
comprehensive plan, describe the steps taken and to be taken to facilitate those changes,
including changes needed to address the proposed need for service described in paragraph (e)
above; One copy of a detailed system map showing the proposed lines, treatment facilities,
and the territory proposed to be served. The map shall be of sufficient scale and detail to
enable correlation with the description of the territory;

(g) Documentation of the utility's right to continued long term use of the land upon
which the utility treatment facilities that will serve the proposed territory are located. This
documentation shall be in the form of a recorded warranty deed, recorded quit claim deed
accompanied by title insurance, recorded long term lease, or recorded easement. The applicant
may submit a contract for the long term use with an unexecuted or unrecorded copy of the
instrument, provided that the applicant files a recorded copy within the time prescribed in the
order granting the amendment to the certificate of authorization; If the utility is planning to
build a new wastewater treatment plant, or upgrade an existing plant to serve the proposed
territory, provide a written description of the proposed method(s) of effluent disposal;

(h) A legal description of the territory proposed to be served in the format prescribed in

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Rule 25-30.029, F.A.C. In addition, if the extension of territory is adjacent to existing
territory, provide one complete legal description of the resulting territory including both
existing and expanded portions; If (g) above does not include effluent disposal by means of
reuse, a statement that describes with particularity the reasons for not using reuse;

(i) A detailed system map showing the proposed lines and treatment facilities, with the
territory proposed to be served plotted thereon, consistent with the legal description provided
in paragraph (h), above. If the territory to be served is adjacent to the utility’s existing
territory, provide a complete map showing both existing and expanded territories. The map
shall be of sufficient scale and detail to enable correlation with the description of the territory;
One copy of the official county tax assessment map or other map showing township, range,
and section, with a scale such as 1” = 200’ or 1” = 400’, with the proposed territory plotted
thereon by use of metes and bounds or quarter sections, and with a defined reference point of
beginning;

(j) An official county tax assessment map or other map showing township, range, and
section, with a scale such as 1” = 200’ or 1” = 400’, with the proposed territory plotted thereon,
consistent with the legal description provided in paragraph (h) above; A statement describing
the capacity of the existing lines, the capacity of the treatment facilities, and the design
capacity of the proposed extension;

(k) If the utility is planning to build a new wastewater treatment plant or upgrade an
existing plant to serve the proposed territory, provide a written description of the proposed
method(s) of effluent disposal; The numbers and dates of any permits issued for the proposed
systems by the Department of Environmental Protection;

(l) If paragraph (k) above does not include effluent disposal by means of reuse, a
statement that describes with particularity the reasons for not using reuse; A detailed statement
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regarding the proposed method of financing the construction, and the projected impact on the
utility’s capital structure;

(m) A statement describing the capacity of the existing lines, the capacity of the
treatment facilities, and the design capacity of the proposed extension; A description of the
types of customers anticipated to be served by the extension, i.e., single family homes, mobile
homes, duplexes, golf course clubhouse, commercial, etc.;

(n) One copy of all current permits issued for the proposed systems by the Department
of Environmental Protection and by the water management district; a statement regarding the
projected impact of the extension on the utility’s monthly rates and service availability
charges;

(o) A detailed statement regarding the proposed method of financing the construction
and the projected impact on the utility’s capital structure; The original and two copies of
sample tariff sheets reflecting the additional service area; and

(p) A statement regarding the projected impact of the extension on the utility’s
monthly rates and service availability charges; The applicant’s current certificate for possible
amendment.

(q) An original, two copies, and one electronic draft tariff containing all rates,
classifications, charges, rules, and regulations, which shall be consistent with Chapter 25-9,
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(www.psc.state.fl.us) by clicking on Utility Regulation, then on Water & Wastewater, and
then on Water and Wastewater Application Packages, or from the Division of Economic
Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850; The number of
the most recent order of the Commission establishing or changing the applicant’s rates and
charges.

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(r) The number of the most recent order of the Commission establishing or changing
the applicant’s rates and charges; and An affidavit that the utility has tariffs and annual reports
on file with the Commission.

(s) An affidavit that the utility has tariffs and annual reports on file with the
Commission.

(4) Each utility proposing to delete a portion of its service area shall provide submit the
following:

(a) a filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2)(b), F.A.C.; The utility’s complete name
and address;

(b) noticing pursuant to Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C.; A description of the territory
proposed to be deleted, using township, range and section references;

(c) The utility’s complete name, address, telephone number, authorized representative,
and, if available, email address and fax number; One copy of a detailed system map showing
the existing lines, treatment facilities, and territory served. The map shall be of sufficient scale
and detail to enable correlation with the legal description of the territory;

(d) A legal description of the territory proposed to be deleted in the format prescribed
in Rule 25-30.029, F.A.C., along with a complete legal description of the remaining territory;
The number of current active connections within the territory to be deleted;

(e) A detailed system map with the territory proposed to be deleted and retained
plotted thereon consistent with the legal description provided in paragraph (d), above. The
map shall show the existing lines and treatment facilities in the area retained and shall be of
sufficient scale and detail to enable correlation with the description of the territory; One copy
of the official county tax assessment map, or other map, showing township, range, and section
with a scale such as 1" = 200' or 1" = 400', with the territory proposed to be deleted plotted

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thereon by use of metes and bounds or quarter sections, and with a defined reference point of
beginning;

(f) An official county tax assessment map or other map, showing township, range, and
section with a scale such as 1" = 200' or 1" = 400', with the territory proposed to be deleted
plotted thereon, consistent with the legal description provided in paragraph (d), above; A
statement specifying the reasons for the proposed deletion of territory;

(g) A description of the number of current active connections within the territory to be
deleted, as well as the number of connections retained. For each active connection in the area
to be deleted, if any, the statement must detail the effect of the proposed deletion on the ability
of those customers to receive water and wastewater service, including alternative source(s) of
service; A statement indicating why the proposed deletion of territory is in the public interest;

(h) A statement specifying the reasons for the proposed deletion of territory; A
statement as to the effect of the proposed deletion on the ability of any customer or potential
customer to receive water and wastewater service, including alternative source(s) of service;

(i) An original, two copies, and one electronic draft tariff reflecting the revised service
area. Sample application forms and model tariffs are available on the Commission website
(www.psc.state.fl.us) by clicking on Utility Regulation, then on Water & Wastewater, and
then on Water and Wastewater Application Packages, or from the Division of Economic
Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850; and The original
and two copies of sample tariff sheets reflecting the revised service area;

(j) An affidavit that the utility has tariffs and annual reports on file with the
Commission. The applicant’s current certificate for possible amendment;

(k) The number of the most recent order of the Commission establishing or changing
the applicant’s rates and charges; and

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(l) An affidavit that the utility has tariffs and annual reports on file with the Commission.


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25-30.037 Application for Authority To Transfer.

(1) This rule applies to any application for the transfer of an existing water or wastewater system, regardless of whether service is currently being provided. This rule does not apply where the transfer is of an exempt or non-jurisdictional system and will result in the system continuing to be exempt from or not subject to Commission jurisdiction. The application for transfer may result in the transfer or cancellation of the seller’s existing certificate; and either amendment of the buyer’s certificate or grant of a new or initial certificate to the buyer. When a utility applies for any of the following transfer authorizations by the Commission, it shall provide its application in the manner prescribed in the appropriate subsection below:

(a) A transfer of a regulated utility to another regulated utility pursuant to subsection (2) below;

(b) A transfer of an exempt entity to a regulated utility pursuant to subsection (3) below;

(c) A change of majority organizational control of a regulated utility pursuant to subsection (4) below;

(d) A change of ownership of the utility parent pursuant to subsection (5) below;

(e) A transfer of a regulated utility to an exempt entity pursuant to subsection (6) below; or

(f) A transfer of a regulated utility to a governmental authority pursuant to subsection (7) below.

(2) Transfer of a regulated utility to another regulated utility. Each application for transfer of certificate of authorization, facilities, or any portion thereof from a regulated utility to another regulated utility shall include:

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(a) A filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2)(c), F.A.C.;
(b) Proof of noticing pursuant to Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C.;
(c) The complete name, address, telephone number, certificate number(s), authorized representative, and if available, email address and fax number of the utility;
(d) The complete name, address, telephone number, authorized representative, and if available, email address and fax number of the buyer(s);
(e) The nature of the buyer’s business organization, i.e., corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship, association;
(f) The name(s), address(es), and percentage of ownership of each entity which owns or will own more than a 5% interest in the utility;
(g) The date and state of incorporation or organization of the buyer;
(h) A copy of the contract for sale and all auxiliary or supplemental agreements, which shall include provisions that the contract is contingent upon Commission approval and that the buyer will fulfill the commitments, obligations and representations of the seller with regard to utility matters;
(i) Documentation of the terms of the transfer, including:
   1. The purchase price and terms of payment;
   2. A list of and the dollar amount of the assets purchased and liabilities assumed or not assumed, including those of nonregulated operations or entities;
   3. A description of all consideration between the parties, including promised salaries, retainer fees, stock, stock options, and assumption of obligations;
   4. The date the closing took or will take place;
   5. Provisions regarding the disposition, where applicable, of customer deposits and interest thereon, guaranteed revenue contracts, developer agreements, customer advances, debt

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of the utility, and leases;

6. A provision that the buyer has or will obtain the books and records of the seller, including all supporting documentation for rate base additions since the last time rate base was established for the utility; and

7. A statement that the utility’s books and records will be maintained using the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners Uniform System of Accounts;

(j) Documentation showing the financial ability of the buyer to maintain and operate the acquired utility. The documentation shall include the buyer’s most recent financial statements (balance sheet and income statement);

(k) A list of all entities, including affiliates, upon which the buyer is relying to provide funding to the utility and a copy of any financial agreements documenting the sources of funding;

(l) Documentation of the technical ability of the applicant to provide service, including:

1. The applicant's experience in the water or wastewater industry;

2. A copy of all current construction and operating permits or a statement regarding the steps taken to obtain permits from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the water management district (WMD); and

3. A list of all current licensed operators and classification or the steps taken to obtain the required licensed operators;

(m) A statement explaining why the transfer is in the public interest;

(n) The proposed net book value of the system as of the date of the proposed transfer.

If rate base has been established by this Commission, provide the docket and order number. In addition, provide a summary of all subsequent changes to rate base;

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(o) A statement from the buyer that it has obtained or will obtain copies of all of the federal income tax returns of the seller from the date the utility was first established or the rate base was last established by the Commission, whichever is later. If the tax returns have not been obtained, a description of the steps taken to obtain the tax returns;

(p) Copies of the most recent sanitary survey and any correspondence in the last 12 months from DEP, the county health department, and the WMD related to environmental compliance. If the system is in need of repair or improvement, the buyer shall provide a list of the improvements and repairs needed and the approximate cost to make them;

(q) Documentation of the utility's right to continued long term use of the land upon which the utility treatment facilities are located. This documentation shall be in the form of a recorded warranty deed, recorded quit claim deed accompanied by title insurance, recorded long term lease, or recorded easement. The applicant may submit a contract for the long term use with an unexecuted or unrecorded copy of the instrument, provided that the applicant files a recorded copy within the time prescribed in the order granting the transfer;

(r) A statement regarding the disposition of any outstanding regulatory assessment fees, fines, or refunds owed and which entity will be responsible for paying regulatory assessment fees and filing the annual report for the year the transfer and subsequent years; and

(s) An original, two copies, and one electronic draft tariff containing all rates, classifications, charges, rules, and regulations, which shall be consistent with Chapter 25-9, F.A.C. Sample application forms and model tariffs are available on the Commission website (www.psc.state.fl.us) by clicking on Utility Regulation, then on Water & Wastewater, and then on Water and Wastewater Application Packages, or from the Division of Economic Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

(2) Each application for transfer of certificate of authorization, facilities or any portion
thereof, to a non-governmental entity shall include the following information:

(a) The complete name and address of the seller;

(b) The complete name and address of the buyer;

c) The nature of the buyer’s business organization, i.e., corporation, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship, or association;

(d) The name(s) and address(es) of all of the buyer’s corporate officers, directors, partners or any other person(s) who will own an interest in the utility;

(e) The date and state of incorporation or organization of the buyer;

(f) The names and locations of any other water or wastewater utilities owned by the buyer;

(g) A copy of the contract for sale and all auxiliary or supplemental agreements, which shall include, if applicable:

1. Purchase price and terms of payment;

2. A list of and the dollar amount of the assets purchased and liabilities assumed or not assumed, including those of nonregulated operations or entities; and

3. A description of all consideration between the parties, for example, promised salaries, retainer fees, stock, stock options, assumption of obligations.

(h) The contract for sale shall also provide for the disposition, where applicable, of the following:

1. Customer deposits and interest thereon;

2. Any guaranteed revenue contracts;

3. Developer agreements;

4. Customer advances;

5. Debt of the regulated utility;

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6. Leases;

(i) A statement describing the financing of the purchase;

(ii) A statement indicating how the transfer is in the public interest, including a summary of the buyer’s experience in water or wastewater utility operations, a showing of the buyer’s financial ability to provide service, and a statement that the buyer will fulfill the commitments, obligations and representations of the seller with regard to utility matters;

(k) A list of all entities upon which the applicant is relying to provide funding to the buyer, and an explanation of the manner and amount of such funding, which shall include their financial statements and copies of any financial agreements with the utility. This requirement shall not apply to any person or entity holding less than 10 percent ownership interest in the utility;

(l) The proposed net book value of the system as of the date of the proposed transfer. If rate base has been established by this Commission, state the order number and date issued and identify all adjustments made to update this rate base to the date of transfer;

(m) A statement setting out the reasons for the inclusion of an acquisition adjustment, if one is requested;

(n) If the books and records of the seller are not available for inspection by the Commission or are not adequate for purposes of establishing the net book value of the system, a statement by the buyer that a good faith, extensive effort has been made to obtain such books and records for inspection by the Commission and detailing the steps taken to obtain the books and records;

(o) A statement from the buyer that it has obtained or will obtain copies of all of the federal income tax returns of the seller from the date the utility was first established, or rate base was last established by the Commission or, if the tax returns have not been obtained, a

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statement from the buyer detailing the steps taken to obtain the returns;

   (p) A statement from the buyer that after reasonable investigation, the system being acquired appears to be in satisfactory condition and in compliance with all applicable standards set by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or, if the system is in need of repair or improvement, has any outstanding Notice of Violation of any standard set by the DEP or any outstanding consent orders with the DEP, the buyer shall provide a list of the improvements and repairs needed and the approximate cost to make them, a list of the action taken by the utility with regard to the violation, a copy of the Notice of Violation(s), a copy of the consent order and a list of the improvements and repairs consented to and the approximate cost to make them;

   (q) Evidence that the utility owns the land upon which the utility treatment facilities are located, or a copy of an agreement which provides for the continued use of the land, such as a 99-year lease. The Commission may consider a written easement or other cost-effective alternative;

   (r) A statement regarding the disposition of any outstanding regulatory assessment fees, fines, or refunds owed;

   (s) The original and two copies of sample tariff sheets reflecting the change in ownership; and

   (t) The utility’s current certificate(s), or if not available, provide an explanation of the steps the applicant took to obtain the certificate(s).

(3) Transfer of an exempt entity to a regulated utility. The transfer of an exempt entity to a regulated utility results in the transfer and amendment of the regulated utility’s certificate. Each application shall include:

   (a) A combined filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2)(b) and (c), F.A.C.;
(b) The requirements of paragraphs (2)(b), (c), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o),
(p), (q), (r), and (s), above;
(c) The requirements of Rule 25-30.036(3)(h), (i) and (j), F.A.C.; and
(d) Documentation of when and under what authority the current rates and charges of
the exempt entity were established.
(e) Documentation that demonstrates that the seller is exempt pursuant to Section
367.022, F.S.

(3) In case of a change in majority organizational control, the application shall include
the following information:
(a) The complete name and address of the seller;
(b) The complete name and address of the buyer;
(c) The name(s) and address(es) of all of the buyer’s corporate officers, directors,
partners and any other person(s) who will own an interest in the utility;
(d) The names and locations of any other water or wastewater utilities owned by the
buyer;
(e) A statement describing the financing of the purchase;
(f) A statement describing how the transfer is in the public interest, including a
summary of the buyer’s experience in water or wastewater utility operations, a showing of the
buyer’s financial ability to provide service, and a statement that the buyer will fulfill the
commitments, obligations and representations of the seller with regard to utility matters;
(g) A list of all entities, including affiliates, that have provided, or will provide,
funding to the buyer, and an explanation of the manner and amount of such funding, which
shall include their financial statements and copies of any financial agreements with the utility.
This requirement shall not apply to any person or entity holding less than 10 percent
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(h) A statement from the buyer that after reasonable investigation, the system being acquired appears to be in satisfactory condition and in compliance with all applicable standards set by the DEP or, if the system is in need of repair or improvement, has any outstanding Notice of Violation(s) of any standard(s) set by the DEP or any outstanding consent orders with the DEP, the buyer shall provide a list of the improvements and repairs needed and the approximate cost to make them, a list of the action taken by the utility with regard to the violations, a copy of the Notice of Violation(s), a copy of the consent order and a list of the improvements and repairs consented to and the approximate cost;

(i) Evidence that the utility owns the land upon which the utility treatment facilities are located, or a copy of an agreement which provides for the continued use of the land, such as a 99-year lease. The Commission may consider a written easement or other cost effective alternative;

(j) The original and two copies of sample tariff sheets reflecting the change in ownership; and

(k) The utility’s current certificate(s), or if not available, the applicant shall provide an explanation of the steps the applicant took to obtain the certificate(s).

(4) A change of majority organizational control of a regulated utility. Each application for a change in majority organizational control shall include:

(a) A filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2)(c), F.A.C.;

(b) The requirements of paragraphs (2)(b), (c), (d), (h), (j), (k), (l), (m), (r), and (s), above;

(c) A description of the ownership transfer, including the date the transfer took place or will take place and a description of the resulting ownership interests in the utility;

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(4) Each application for transfer of certificate of authorization, facilities, or any portion thereof, or majority organizational control to a governmental authority shall contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of the utility and its authorized representative;

(b) The name of the governmental authority and the name and address of its authorized representative;

(c) A copy of the contract or other document transferring the utility system to the governmental authority;

(d) A list of any utility assets not transferred to the governmental authority if such remaining assets constitute a system providing or proposing to provide water or wastewater service to the public for compensation;

(e) A statement that the governmental authority obtained, from the utility or Commission, the most recent available income and expense statement, balance sheet, statement of rate base for regulatory purposes, and contributions-in-aid-of-construction;

(f) The date on which the governmental authority proposes to take official action to acquire the utility;

(g) A statement describing the disposition of customer deposits and interest thereon;

and

(h) A statement regarding the disposition of any outstanding regulatory assessment fees, fines or refunds owed.

(5) A change of ownership of the utility parent. Each application for a change of ownership of the utility parent shall include:

(a) A filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2)(c), F.A.C.;

(b) Proof of noticing pursuant to Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C.;

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(c) The complete name, address, telephone number, certificate number(s), authorized representative, and, if available, email address and fax number of the utility;

(d) The complete name, address, telephone number, authorized representative, and, if available, email address and fax number of the parent;

(e) The complete name, address, telephone number, authorized representative, and, if available, email address and fax number of the buyer(s);

(f) A description of the ownership transfer, including the date the transfer took place or will take place and a description of the resulting ownership interests in the utility’s parent;

(g) The requirements of paragraphs (2)(h), (j), (l), and (m), above;

(h) Either a statement that, following the transfer, all existing management and operating personnel of the utility will be retained or, if changes in the utility's management or operating personnel are anticipated, a description of the changes and the impact the changes will have on the management and operations of the utility.

(5) If a utility is transferring a portion of its facilities to a governmental agency, it must provide the following additional information:

(a) A description of the remaining territory using township, range, and section references;

(b) One copy of the official county tax assessment map, or other map, showing township, range, and section with a scale such as 1" = 200' or 1" = 400', with the remaining territory plotted thereon by use of metes and bounds or quarter sections, and with a defined reference point of beginning; and

(c) The original and two copies of sample tariff sheets reflecting the remaining territory.

(6) A transfer of a regulated utility to an exempt entity. Each application for a transfer

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of ownership of a regulated utility to an exempt entity shall include:

(a) The requirements of paragraphs (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (j), and (l), above;

(b) One copy of the transfer agreement, including:

1. The actual date the closing took or will take place; and

2. Documentation that the agreement is contingent upon Commission approval as specified in Section 367.071(1), F.S.;

(c) Documentation that demonstrates that the buyer is exempt pursuant to Section 367.022, F.S.;

(d) A statement regarding the disposition of customer deposits and interest thereon; and

(e) A statement regarding the disposition of any outstanding regulatory assessment fees, fines, or refunds owed.

(6) Upon its receipt of items required in paragraphs (4)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), the Commission will issue an order acknowledging that the facilities or any portion thereof have been acquired by the governmental authority.

(7) A transfer of a regulated utility to a governmental authority. Each application for transfer of facilities, or any portion thereof, from a regulated utility to a governmental authority, as defined in Section 367.021(7), F.S., shall include:

(a) The name, address, telephone number, certificate number(s), authorized representative, and, if available, email address and fax number of the utility;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number, and authorized representative, and, if available, email address and fax number of the governmental authority;

(c) A copy of the contract or other document transferring the utility system to the governmental authority;

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(d) A statement that the governmental authority obtained from the utility orCommission the most recent available annual report;
(e) The date on which the governmental authority proposes to take over ownership, operation, management, or control of the utility;
(f) A statement describing the disposition of customer deposits and interest thereon;
(g) A statement regarding the disposition of any outstanding regulatory assessment fees, fines or refunds owed;
(h) If a utility is transferring only a portion of its facilities to a governmental authority, it must provide the following additional information:
1. A list of any utility assets not transferred to the governmental authority, if such remaining assets constitute a system providing or proposing to provide water or wastewater service to the public for compensation;
2. A legal description of the territory not transferred to the governmental authority in the format prescribed in Rule 25-30.029, F.A.C.;
3. An official county tax assessment map or other map showing township, range, and section with a scale such as 1" = 200' or 1" = 400', with the remaining territory plotted thereon, consistent with the legal description provided in paragraph (7)(i)2., above and
4. One original, two copies, and one electronic draft tariff sheets reflecting the remaining territory. Sample application forms and model tariffs are available on the Commission website (www.psc.state.fl.us) by clicking on Utility Regulation, then on Water & Wastewater, and then on Water and Wastewater Application Packages, or from the Division of Economic Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

(i) No filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2), F.A.C., applies to this application
(j) No noticing pursuant to Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C., applies to this application.

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(7) Upon receipt of the items required in paragraphs (4)(g) and (h) and, if applicable, paragraphs (5)(a), (b), and (c), and upon the completion of all pending proceedings before the Commission, the utility’s certificate will be amended or cancelled. Amendment or cancellation of the certificate shall not affect the obligation pursuant to Rule 25.30.120, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees.

(8) The transfer of a regulated utility to a governmental authority shall not affect the utility’s obligation to complete payment of Regulatory Assessment Fees pursuant to Rule 25-30.120, F.A.C., nor affect the completion of all pending proceedings before the Commission.

(9) The transfer of facilities, or any portion thereof, from a regulated utility to a governmental authority shall be effective as of the date the governmental authority assumes ownership, operation, management, or control.

25-30.039 Application for Name Change or Corporate Reorganization.

(1) This rule shall apply to a certificated utility that proposes to either change its name or have a corporate reorganization only, with no change in the ownership or control of the utility or its assets.

(2) Each application for approval of a change in name or corporate reorganization of a certificated utility shall include the following information:

(a) The utility’s complete name, address, telephone number, certificate number(s), authorized representative, and, if available, email address and fax number; and type of business entity of the certificated utility;

(b) The proposed utility change in name or a description of the proposed corporate reorganization and documentation of the resulting nature of the business organization, i.e., corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship, association, the type of business entity under the new name;

(c) A statement describing setting out the reasons for the name change or corporate reorganization;

(d) The effective date of the name change or corporate reorganization;

(e) In the case of a corporation, limited partnership, or any other type of entity that is chartered by the State of Florida or any other state, a copy of the certificate or other document issued by the state showing its acceptance of the entity’s new name. In addition, an officer of the entity shall provide a statement that the ownership and control of the utility and its assets will not change under the proposed name;

(f) In the case of a sole proprietorship, general partnership, or any other type of entity not chartered by the State of Florida or any other state, a statement, signed by a duly authorized representative, that the ownership and control of the utility and its assets will not change under the proposed name;

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(f) Documentation, in the form of a certified copy of the resolution from the Department of State, reflecting the change of corporate name recorded among the public records of the county in which the utility treatment facilities are located; A proposed notice to be sent to the customers of the utility informing them of the change in utility name;

(g) A proposed notice to be sent to the customers of the utility informing them of the change in utility name; and An original and two copies of a proposed tariff reflecting the name change, including all standard forms; and,

(h) An original, two copies, and one electronic draft tariff reflecting the name change, including all standard forms. Model tariffs are available on the Commission website (www.psc.state.fl.us) by clicking on Utility Regulation, then on Water & Wastewater, and then on Water and Wastewater Application Packages, or from the Division of Economic Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850. The applicant’s current certificate.

(3) After approval of the name change or corporate reorganization by the Commission and staff approval of approves the customer notice, the utility shall send the approved customer notice to all existing customers with the next regular billing. An affidavit shall be filed with the Commission confirming the date that the notice was actually given to the customers, advising them of the name change.

(4) No filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2), F.A.C., applies to this application.

(5) No noticing pursuant to Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C. applies to this application.

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25-30.090 Abandonments.

(1) This rule applies to any person, lessee, trustee, or receiver owning, operating, managing, or controlling a utility which intends to abandon the utility. The provisions of this rule are intended to prevent service interruptions to the utility customers.

(2) The notice of abandonment to be issued by the utility to the Commission and the county's administrator, pursuant to required by Section 367.165, F.S., shall include the following:

(a) The utility’s name and address;
(b) The person to contact regarding this notice, including that person’s address, and telephone number, and, if available, email address and fax number;
(c) The location of the utility’s books and records;
(d) The date of the notice;
(e) The date the utility will be abandoned;
(f) Whether the water system, wastewater system, or both are to be abandoned;
(g) A statement of the reason the utility will be abandoned;
(h) A statement of the status of the utility with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding outstanding citations or violations; and;
(i) The location of the utility’s books and records.

(3) Within 10 days of the appointment of a receiver by the circuit court, the receiver shall provide the Commission with a copy of the order of appointment and shall request from the Commission a copy of the utility’s tariff and most recent annual report.

(4) Within 90 days of appointment, any receiver who is not a governmental authority as defined by Section 367.021(7), F.S., shall file an original, two copies, and one electronic draft tariff to reflect the name, address, and telephone number of the receiver and to include

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the name of the receiver as the new issuing officer. This shall not affect the certificated name
of the utility. Within 90 days of the appointment of the receiver, the receiver shall file a
proposed tariff revision amending the title page to reflect the name, address and telephone
number of the receiver. This shall not affect the certificated name of the utility.

(5) During the pendency of the receivership, the receiver shall be responsible for
fulfilling the utility’s obligations pursuant to Chapter 367, F.S., and
Chapter 25-30, F.A.C., during the pendency of the receivership. However, in no event shall
a receiver be held responsible for failure to provide safe, efficient, and sufficient service where
such failure is substantially caused by actions or omissions pre-dating appointment of the
receiver, unless the receiver is given reasonable opportunity to rectify such failure.

(6) If the receiver appointed by the circuit court is a governmental authority as defined
by Section 367.021(7), F.S., the governmental authority, is upon request, shall be found
exempt from Commission regulation pursuant to Section 367.022(2), F.S.; and the utility’s
certificate shall be cancelled as of the date of commencement of the receivership.

(7) No filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(2), F.A.C., applies to this action.

(8) No noticing pursuant to Rule 25-30.030, F.A.C., applies to this action.

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