### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for amendment of CertificateDOCKET NO. 100317-SUNo. 249-S to extend territory in VolusiaORDER NO. PSC-10-0613-FOF-SUCounty by North Peninsula Utilities Corp.ISSUED: October 11, 2010

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

# LISA POLAK EDGAR NATHAN A. SKOP ART GRAHAM RONALD A. BRISÉ

#### ORDER APPROVING NORTH PENINSULA'S AMENDMENT APPLICATION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

### Background

On June 7, 2010, North Peninsula Utilities Corporation (North Peninsula or Utility) filed an application with the Commission to amend Certificate No. 249-S to add wastewater territory to its service area in Volusia County, pursuant to Section 367.045(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.). North Peninsula is a Class C utility providing wastewater service to approximately 570 customers. The Utility's 2009 Annual Report indicates an annual operating revenue of \$205,794 and a net loss of \$59,633. Water service is provided by the City of Ormond Beach. The proposed area is located in the St. Johns River Water Management District. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.045, F.S.

#### Amendment Application

On June 7, 2010, the Utility applied for an amendment to its Certificate No. 249-S in Volusia County, Florida, to serve a single home whose septic tank was failing. The requested territory is contiguous to the existing Utility's service territory and consists of a single home. According to North Peninsula, no other utility in the area is willing or capable of providing reasonably adequate service to the territory. The Utility has submitted an affidavit consistent with Section 367.045(2)(d), F.S., that it has tariffs and annual reports on file with the Commission.

The application is in compliance with the governing statute, Section 367.045, F.S., and other pertinent statutes and administrative rules concerning applications for amendment of certificate. The application contains proof of compliance with the noticing provisions in Rule 25-30.030, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). No objections were received and the time for such has expired. The North Peninsula wastewater treatment plant has sufficient capacity to serve an additional home.

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North Peninsula's wastewater system is regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Central District Office located in Orlando. On February 23, 2010, DEP issued a warning letter to the Utility indicating that there were three possible violations of law. The first violation was an unauthorized discharge of raw domestic wastewater to a surface water body. The second violation occurred on January 31, 2010 and February 2, 2010, when wastewater spills were not reported to the DEP. The third violation occurred when one of the lift stations was inoperative and DEP was not notified of that event. In the Utility's response to the warning letter, North Peninsula indicated that all operational problems at the lift stations will be reported to DEP in the future. Second, the plant and lift station pumps have been rebuilt. Third, a pump and motor are now available for emergency replacement. Fourth, new emergency lights have been installed at the lift stations. Fifth, a monitoring and communication system has also been installed to ensure limited future problems. North Peninsula had also indicated that for the last 20 years of operation, the Utility has not had any problems or spills of this nature. In a follow-up letter from DEP to the Utility, North Peninsula was required to pay a fine. However, North Peninsula had disputed the amount of the fine and DEP and the Utility are working on a resolution.

Although, North Peninsula has DEP violations at this time, it appears that the Utility has instituted measures to minimize or eliminate spills of this nature. Therefore, we find it is in the public interest to approve the application filed by North Peninsula to amend its territory to include the area described Attachment A. The resultant order shall serve as North Peninsula's amended certificate and shall be retained by the Utility. Pursuant to Rule 25-9.044(1), F.A.C., the Utility shall charge the customer in the territory added herein the rates and charges contained in the current tariff until authorized to be changed by this Commission.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that North Peninsula's application for amendment of Certificate 249-S to include territory as reflected in Attachment A is approved. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall serve as North Peninsula's amended certificate and shall be retained by the Utility. It is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 25-9.044(1), Florida Administrative Code, the Utility shall charge the customer in the territory added herein the rates and charges contained in its current tariff until authorized to be changed by this Commission. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 11th day of October, 2010.

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Commission Clerk

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# NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of Commission Clerk, and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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# NORTH PENINSULA UTILITIES CORPORATION DESCRIPTION OF WASTEWATER TERRITORY TO BE ADDED VOLUSIA COUNTY

# TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST

Section 21

PART OF THE NORTHERLY 176 FEET, AS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES OF THE SOUTHERLY ½ OF LOTS 1 AND 2, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, AS LAYS WESTERLY OF JOHN ANDERSON HIGHWAY, IN VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHLINE OF SECTION 21 WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF JOHN ANDERSON HIGHWAY; RUN THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE OF JOHN ANDERSON HIGHWAY 870 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ATLANTIC SHORES SUBDIVISION; RUN THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE OF JOHN ANDERSON HIGHWAY 91.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WESTERLY PARALLEL TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID ATLANTIC SHORES SUBDIVISION. 122.96 FEET TO THE WESTERLY FACE OF MASONRY SEAWALL IN THE HALIFAX RIVER: THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID SEAWALL AND A NORTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 95 FEET MORE OR LESS TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE SOUTHERLY 1/2 OF AFORESAID LOTS 1 AND 2, SECTION 21, EXTENDED WESTERLY THENCE EASTERLY, PARALLEL TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ATLANTIC SHORES SUBDIVISION AFORESAID, 125.22 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF AFORESAID JOHN ANDERSON HIGHWAY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE 91.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

## FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION authorizes North Peninsula Utilities Corp. pursuant to Certificate Number 249-S

to provide wastewater service in Volusia County in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, and the Rules, Regulations, and Orders of this Commission in the territory described by the Orders of this Commission. This authorization shall remain in force and effect until superseded, suspended, canceled or revoked by Order of this Commission.

Order Number	Date Issued	Docket Number	Filing Type
8116	12/22/77	770595-S	Original Certificate
9365	05/09/80	800320-S	Amendment
22345	12/27/89	891016-SU	Transfer Certificate
24272	03/21/91	900659-SU	Amendment
PSC-96-0262-FOF-SU	02/23/96	951373-SU	Amendment
PSC-09-0420-FOF-SU	06/15/09	090040-SU	Amendment
PSC-09-0420A-TRF-SU	07/21/09	090040-SU	Amendatory
*		100317-SU	Amendment

\*Order Number and date to be provided at time of issuance.