

BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20240124-WU

Application for grandfather certificate  
to operate water utility in Columbia County  
by Quail Heights Utilities, LLC.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 18

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

DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center  
Room 148  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

REPORTED BY: DEBRA R. KRICK  
Court Reporter and  
Notary Public in and for  
the State of Florida at Large

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

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Let's move to Item No. 18.

3 Mr. Smith, you are already in place, I  
4 appreciate that, and we are ready, sir.

5 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Commissioners.

6 Item 18 addresses the application for a grandfather  
7 water certificate in Columbia County by Quail  
8 Heights, LLC, including rates and charges.

9 Quail Heights provides water service to the  
10 Quail Heights Country Club in Lake City.

11 Wastewater service is provided by Lake City.

12 The utility was previously under the  
13 jurisdiction of the Columbia County Board of  
14 Commissioners, which passed a resolution in 2024,  
15 making privately owned water and wastewater  
16 companies in Columbia County subject to Chapter  
17 367, Florida Statutes. Quail Heights filed an  
18 application for a grandfather water certificate in  
19 2024 after the Commission acknowledged the  
20 resolution.

21 Staff recommends that the Commission approve  
22 Quail Heights' application for a grandfather water  
23 certificate. And staff is available for any  
24 questions you may have.

25 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Excellent. Thank you.

1           Commissioners, any questions or discussions on  
2           Items No. 18?

3           Seeing none, open for a motion.

4           COMMISSIONER CLARK: Move approval, Mr.  
5           Chairman.

6           COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

7           CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Hearing a motion and  
8           hearing a second.

9           All those in favor signify by saying yay.  
10          (Chorus of yays.)

11          CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yay.  
12          Opposed no?

13          (No response.)

14          CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Show that Item No. 18  
15          passes.

16          Thank you very much.

17          (Agenda item concluded.)

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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

2 STATE OF FLORIDA )  
3 COUNTY OF LEON )  
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6 certify that the foregoing proceeding was heard at the  
7 time and place herein stated.

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9 stenographically reported the said proceedings; that the  
10 same has been transcribed under my direct supervision;  
11 and that this transcript constitutes a true  
12 transcription of my notes of said proceedings.

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14 employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor  
15 am I a relative or employee of any of the parties'  
16 attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I  
17 financially interested in the action.

18 DATED this 20th day of May, 2025.  
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