BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by HIGHLANDS RIDGE MOBILE PARK for exemption from FPSC regulation for water and sewer facilities in Highlands County.

DOCKET NO. 890295-WS ORDER NO. 21247 ISSUED: 5-17-89

ORDER INDICATING EXEMPT STATUS OF HIGHLANDS RIDGE MOBILE HOME PARK

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BY THE COMMISSION:

Highlands Ridge Mobile Home Park (Highlands or the park) is a planned mobile home park which will consist of some 900 lots in Highlands County, Florida. The lots will be rented on a monthly basis to the general public. Highland's engineer advises that construction on the park, and its attendant water and sewage treatment facilities is scheduled to begin in June, 1989, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Prior to issuing a utility construction permit, the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER), pursuant to Section 367.031, Florida Statutes, requires a certificate from the Commission authorizing Highlands to provide utility service or proof of exemption from regulation by the Commission.

Therefore, on February 17, 1989, by way of letter and sworn affidavit, Highlands requested that we issue an acknowledgement to the DER that Highland's proposed water and sewage treatment systems will be exempt from our regulation. Highland's sworn affidavit specifically alleges that: 1) The water and sewage treatment plants are located on the grounds of the park, and such plants will provide water and sewer service to the tenants of the park only; 2) Highlands will not collect any specific charge from its tenants for water or sewer service; and, 3) Any compensation received by Highlands for water and sewer service will be nonspecifically contained in the tenants' monthly rental charges.

Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes, provides that "Landlords providing service to their tenants without specific compensation for the service" are not subject to our regulation. On the facts as represented, we find the subject water and sewer systems to be exempt under Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes.

It it, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that based on the facts as represented, the water and sewer systems owned by Highlands Ridge Mobile Home Park, c/o John B. Juve, 8306 Palma Vista Lane, Tampa, Florida 33614 are hereby exempt under Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes. It is further

ORDERED that should there be any change in circumstances or method of operation of the subject water and sewer utilities, Highlands Ridge Mobile Home Park, or its successor(s) in interest, shall inform this Commission within thirty (30) days of such change so that we may determine whether our decision herein is still appropriate. It is further

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ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this ______ 17th day of _______ , _____ 1989___.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director Division of Records and Reporting

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