

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request For Exemption) DOCKET NO. 930802-WU
From Florida Public Service) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1240-FOF-WU
Commission Regulation For) ISSUED: August 26, 1993
Provision of Water Service in)
Citrus County by Frank and Betty)
Lewis.)
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ORDER INDICATING EXEMPT STATUS OF
FRANK AND BETTY LEWIS AND CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 13, 1993, Frank and Betty Lewis filed an application with this Commission for recognition of their exempt status pursuant to Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis own a commercial office building housing four businesses. A water system is being constructed to serve the office building, which is located at 641 East Gulf To Lake Highway, Lacanto, Florida. Mrs. Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer, filed the application. The primary contact person is Mr. Frank Lewis, 4175 South Big Al Point, Inverness, Florida 34452.

Upon request and sufficient proof, the Commission will issue an order indicating the nonjurisdictional or exempt status of water and wastewater facilities, if they qualify under the appropriate provision of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. The application was filed in accordance with Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.060(3)(e), Florida Administrative Code.

Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes, states that an entity qualifies for exemption from Commission regulation if it provides service solely to its tenants, and there are no specific charges for the utility service. The application indicates that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will provide water service only to their tenants and the service territory will be limited to the office building. Also, the water service will be included as a nonspecific portion of the monthly rent. Wastewater service will be provided by a septic tank.

In addition, pursuant to Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.060(2)(f), Florida Administrative Code, anyone knowingly making a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead is guilty of a misdemeanor. By signing the application, Mrs. Lewis acknowledged that she is aware of Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, and the penalties for making false statements in the application.

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Based upon the facts as represented, we find that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are exempt from Commission regulation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes. However, should there be any change in circumstances or method of operation, the owner of the water system or any successor in interest must inform the Commission within 30 days of such change so that its exempt status may be reevaluated.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that, based upon the facts as represented, Frank and Betty Lewis, 641 East Gulf To Lake Highway, Lacanto, Florida 34461 are exempt from Commission regulation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 367.022(5), Florida Statutes. It is further

ORDERED that Frank and Betty Lewis are only exempt from Commission regulation for the water system serving the office building located at 641 East Gulf To Lake Highway, Lacanto, Florida. It is further

ORDERED that should there be any change in circumstances or method of operation, the owner of the water system or any successors in interest, shall inform this Commission within 30 days of such a change so that we may reevaluate Mr. and Mrs. Lewis' exempt status. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 26th day of August, 1993.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Lynn
Chief, Bureau of Records

NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), 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 Director, Division of Records and Reporting 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 or sewer utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting 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 Civil Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.