

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Application for certificates to provide water and wastewater service in Alachua County under grandfather rights by TURKEY CREEK, Inc. & FAMILY DINER, INC. d/b/a TURKEY CREEK UTILITIES

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DOCKET NO. 921098-WS FILED: April 9, 1998

MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The citizens of the state of Florida, through their attorney, the Public Counsel, pursuant to Section 350.0611, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.028, F.A.C., hereby move the Public Service Commission to order Turkey Creek Utilities to show cause why it should not be fined \$500 per day until it is in full compliance with Order No. PSC-96-1526-FOF-WS. As grounds the Citizens submit:

1. The issues involved herein have a long history, going back to Order No. PSC-93-0229-FOF-WS(PAA), which ordered, inter alia, Turkey Creek to reduce its rates on February 10, 1993. Turkey Creek protested the PAA.

2. A second PAA, Order No. PSC-93-0816-FOF-WS, ordered a refund and was also protested by the utility.

3. In response to the two protests, the commission scheduled a hearing to be held on November 3, 1993. Prior to the hearing date Turkey Creek sold the utility system to the city of Alachua and withdrew its protests. The two orders were then made final through Order No. PSC-93-1769-FOF-WS on December 3,1993. Turkey Creek appealed that final order, but the First District Court affirmed the Commission's order.

4. On September 6, 1995, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-95-1101-FOF-WS, requiring Turkey Creek to show cause why it should not be fined \$5,000 for not complying with the

DOCUMENTATION CONTRACTOR COULIANT DISTANCES CONTRACTOR STREAM CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR earlier orders. Turkey Creek sought the Commission to defer the proceeding, and also sought declaratory relief from the order through the Eighth Circuit Court.

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5. The Commission rejected the request for deferral and proceeded with the Show Cause. Turkey Creek then responded to the Show Cause and made an offer of settlement of the issues .

6. On March 11, 1996, the Commission issued Order No. PSC 96-0350-FOF-WS, which imposed a \$5,000 fine, to be suspended if Turkey Creek escrowed \$42,000 for anticipated refunds.

Turkey Creek's declaratory relief action was dismissed by the Eighth Circuit on March
1996. Turkey Creek petitioned for reconsideration, and was denied by the Court on June 24, 1996.

8. Turkey Creek appealed Order No. PSC-96-0350-FOF-WS and offered another settlement which would have removed its obligation to pay the fine or interest. By Order No. PSC-96-1526-FOF-WS, the Commission rejected Turkey Creek's offer of settlement.

9. The Public Counsel has made an attempt to negotiate an acceptable resolution to this controversy with the utility's former owner, but has been unsuccessful. In the meantime various identified obligations remain outstanding.

10. The Citizens are concerned that a significant portion of the obligation has been outstanding for years, yet no end appears imminent. Money which rightfully belongs to the customers continues to be held by the former utility owner.

11. Accordingly, the Citizens recommend that the Commission require the former owner to show cause why he should not be fined on an ongoing basis until the obligation is fully satisfied. Specifically, the Citizens believe the former owner should be fined \$1,000 per day until he fulfills the entire outstanding obligation.

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WHEREFORE, the Citizens of the State of Florida move this Commission to require Mr. Norwood Hope, as former owner of Turkey Creek Utilities, Inc., to show cause why he should not be fined \$1,000 per day until he has fully completed his obligation as specified in Orders No. PSC-93-1769-FOF-WS, No. 96-0350-FOF-WS, and No. 96-1526-FOF-WS.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCKET NO. 921098-WS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has been

furnished by U.S. Mail or (*)hand delivery to the following parties this 9th day of April, 1998.

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April 9, 1998

Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

RE: Docket No. 921098-WS

Dear Ms. Bayó:

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CMU -----Enclosures

APP Cae Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Citizens' Motion for Order to Show Cause and Notice of Intervention in the above-referenced docket.

Please indicate receipt of filing by date-stamping the attached copy of this letter and returning it to this office. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen C. Burgess Deputy Public Counsel



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