

ORIGINAL Public Service Commission

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DATE: May 18, 2000

TO: Division of Records and Reporting (Bayo)

FROM: Division of Legal Services (Fudge)

RE: Docket No. 990872-WU - Initiation of show cause proceedings against WELAQUA Co. for violation of Rules 25-30.110, F.A.C., Failure to File Annual Report 5-30.310, F.A.C., Initiation of Service, 25-30.320, F.A.C., Refusal of Service, 25-30.330, F.A.C., Information to Customers, 25-30.355, F.A.C., Complaints, and 25-30.520, F.A.C., Responsibility of Utility to Provide Service.

By Order No. PSC-00-0105-FOF-WU, issued January 11, 2000, in Docket No. 990872-WU, the Commission ordered WELLAQUA Co. to pay regulatory assessment fees for January through July 27, 1999. WELLAQUA Co. paid \$270.84 on March 30, 2000.

WELLAQUA was also ordered to pay a penalty of \$7,986, within 30 days of the issuance of the Order. The Order also stated that if the utility fails to remit the penalty amount assessed herein, and fails to respond to reasonable collection efforts, the outstanding penalty amount shall be referred to the Comptroller's Office for further collection efforts and this docket shall be closed administratively.

WELLAQUA failed to make the payment as ordered. On February 21, 2000, by certified letter, we urged WELLAQUA to make the required payment. WELLAQUA did not respond. On April 3, 2000, we sent a FINAL NOTICE, by certified mail, urging WELLAQUA to make the required payment by May 3, 2000. WELLAQUA did not respond. We have determined that we have exhausted reasonable collection efforts. Therefore, we submitted this matter to the Division of Administration who forwarded the account to the Department of Banking and Finance, Comptroller's Office, for further collection efforts or permission to write off the account. Therefore, pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-0105-FOF-WU, this docket should be closed administratively.

JKF/lw cc: Division of Water and Wastewater (Groom, Walden) See . cad I:\990872ra.jkf



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