

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of show ) DOCKET NO. 920615-WS  
cause proceedings against ) ORDER NO. PSC-92-0802-FOF-WS  
WAY-JIM UTILITY COMPANY, INC. ) ISSUED: 08/11/92  
in Duval County for failure to )  
remit penalty fee for filing )  
delinquent 1990 annual report )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
J. TERRY DEASON  
BETTY EASLEY  
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

BY THE COMMISSION:

Way-Jim Utility Company, Inc. (Way-Jim or utility) is a Class C utility, serving 46 water and wastewater customers in Duval County. Based on information in the 1990 annual report, the utility reported water system operating revenues of \$39,216 and operating expenses of \$42,016, resulting in a net operating loss of \$2,800. Based on information in the 1990 annual report, the utility reported wastewater system operating revenues of \$50,648 and operating expenses of \$62,740, resulting in a net operating loss of \$12,092.

Way-Jim filed a delinquent 1990 annual report, in violation of Rule 25-30.110, Florida Administrative Code. Rule 25-30.110, Florida Administrative Code, requires utilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction as of December 31st each year to file an annual report on or before March 31st of the following year. Requests for extension must be in writing and must be filed before March 31st. One extension of 30 days is automatically granted. Longer extensions may be granted upon showing of good cause. Incomplete or incorrect reports are considered delinquent, with a 30-day grace period in which to supply the missing information.

Pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, any utility that fails to file a timely, complete annual report is subject to penalties, absent demonstration of good cause for noncompliance. The penalty set out in Rule 25-30.110(7), Florida Administrative Code, for Class C utilities is \$3 per day. The

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penalty calculation is based on the number of days elapsed since March 31, or the approved extension date, and the actual date of filing. The date of filing is included in computing the number of days elapsed. The Commission may impose lesser or greater penalties, pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code.

On March 15, 1991, Way-Jim requested a 30-day extension in which to file the report. On March 25, 1991, the extension was granted and the deadline extended to April 30, 1991. On April 18, 1991, Way-Jim requested an additional extension, which was granted on April 24, 1991, extending the deadline to May 30, 1991. The 1990 annual report was received on June 14, 1991. On February 11, 1992, a certified letter was sent to Mr. Wayne Rickert of Way-Jim Utility Company, Inc., assessing a fine of \$45 for 15 days of delinquency x \$3 per day and indicating that payment was due on March 12, 1992.

Based on the foregoing, it appears that Way-Jim filed a delinquent 1990 annual report, in violation of Rule 25-30.110, Florida Administrative Code. Therefore, we find it appropriate to order Way-Jim to show cause within 20 days why it should not remit the fine of \$45 for its failure to comply with Rule 25-30.110, Florida Administrative Code. If Way-Jim fails to file a timely response to this show cause order, we hereby deem the fine of \$45 to be levied, pursuant to the above-cited rule.

If Way-Jim fails to respond to reasonable collection efforts by this Commission, we deem the fine to be uncollectible and hereby authorize referral of this matter to the Comptroller's Office for further collection efforts based on this Commission's finding that, under the aforesaid circumstances, further collection efforts by this Commission would not be cost effective. Two certified letters requesting payment shall constitute reasonable collection efforts. After referral to the Comptroller's Office, this docket shall be closed.

Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Way-Jim Utility Company, Inc. shall show cause, in writing, why it should not remit the fine of \$45 for filing a delinquent 1990 annual report. It is further

ORDERED that Way-Jim Utility Company, Inc.'s written response must be received by the Director, Division of Records and

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Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on August 31, 1992. It is further

ORDERED that Way-Jim Utility Company, Inc.'s response must contain specific allegations of fact and law. It is further

ORDERED that Way-Jim Utility Company, Inc.'s opportunity to file a written response shall constitute its opportunity to be heard prior to final determination of noncompliance and assessment of penalty by this Commission, as required under Rule 25-30.110(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code. It is further

ORDERED that a failure to file a timely response to this show cause order shall constitute an admission of the facts alleged in the body of this Order and a waiver of any right to a hearing. It is further

ORDERED that if Way-Jim Utility Company, Inc. files a written response that raises material questions of fact and requests a hearing pursuant to section 120.57, Florida Statutes, further proceedings may be scheduled before a final determination on these matters is made. It is further

ORDERED that if Way-Jim Utility Company, Inc. fails to file a timely response to this show cause order, the fine of \$45 is deemed levied, pursuant to Rule 25-30.110, Florida Administrative Code. It is further

ORDERED that if the fine of \$45 is levied and Way-Jim Utility Company, Inc. does not remit payment after reasonable collection efforts, we deem the fine to be uncollectible and authorize referral to the Comptroller's Office for further disposition and this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 11th day of August, 1992.

  
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STEVE TRIBBLE, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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