## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for exemption from Florida Public Service Commission regulation for provision of water and wastewater service in St. Lucie County by Meadowood Master Association.	) DOCKET NO. 930030-WS ) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1642-FOF-WS ) ISSUED: November 8, 1993 ) )
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## ORDER INDICATING THE EXEMPT STATUS OF MEADOWOOD MASTER ASSOCIATION AND CLOSING DOCKET

## BY THE COMMISSION:

By resolution dated May 19, 1992, the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners voted to transfer jurisdiction over privately-owned water and wastewater utilities in St. Lucie County to the Florida Public Service Commission, effective on October 22, 1992. All privately-owned water and wastewater utilities must file an application for a grandfather certificate or for an exemption from Commission regulation within ninety days from the effective date of October 1, 1992.

Therefore, on January 6, 1993, Meadowood Master Association (Meadowood) filed a request for recognition of its exemption from Commission regulation pursuant to Section 367.022(7), Florida Statutes, as a nonprofit corporation. Meadowood is located at P.O. Box 66, Stuart, Florida 34995. Jane Cornett, Esq., the primary contact person, filed the application on behalf of Meadowood.

Meadowood requests that it be found exempt pursuant to Section 367.022(7) of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. In addition, Meadowood filed its application in accordance with Rule 25-30.060(3) (g), Florida Administrative Code. In its application, the Association stated that it is a nonprofit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, that it will provide service solely to its members who own and control it, and that the Association will provide water service for which it will provide its own billing. The service area is specified as the Meadowood subdivision. The Association provided a recorded quit claim deed with an opinion of title from Jane Cornett, Esquire, granting it the use of the land upon which the facilities are located. In addition, it provided a copy of a bill of sale verifying that the

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Association purchased and owns the water plant facilities, thereby establishing proof of ownership of the facilities and continued use of the land where the facilities are located.

Section 367.022(7), Florida Statutes, states that nonprofit corporations, associations, or cooperatives providing service solely to members who own and control such nonprofit entities are exempt from Commission regulation. Based upon the facts as represented, we find that Meadowood Master Association is exempt from Commission regulation pursuant to the provisions of Section 367.022(7), Florida Statutes. However, should there be any change in circumstances or method of operation, a representative of the Association must inform the Commission within thirty days of such change, so that we may reevaluate Meadowood's exempt status.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that, based upon the facts as represented, Meadowood Master Association, is hereby exempt from Commission regulation pursuant to the provisions of Section 367.022(7), Florida Statutes. It is further

ORDERED that should there be any change in circumstances of or method of operation, a representative of Meadowood shall inform the Commission within thirty days of such change so that Meadowood's exempt status may be reevaluated. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this  $8 \, \text{th}$  day of  $\underline{\text{November}}$ ,  $\underline{1993}$ .

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director Division of Records and Reporting

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Chief, Bureau of Records

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## 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.