

MEMORANDUM

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TO: ALICE CROSBY, DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES  
DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: CHRISTINE TOMLINSON, DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER

RE: DOCKET NO. 960503-WU; REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM FLORIDA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGULATION FOR PROVISION OF  
WATER SERVICE IN PUTNAM COUNTY BY LUTHERAN OUTDOOR  
MINISTRIES OF FLORIDA, INC.

On April 18, 1996, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Florida, Inc. (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries or utility) applied for a non-jurisdictional exemption from the Florida Public Service Commission regulation pursuant to Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. Rev. Robert W. Kuehner, Executive Director, was identified as the primary contact person per the application. Rev. Kuehner's address is 3838 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, Florida 33607-4897. The application was signed by Rev. Kuehner.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, located in Putnam County, stated in its application that water service will be provided to itself solely, without compensation, and that all costs for providing such service will be treated or recovered as operational expenses. Water service, as previously mentioned, will be provided by a well, and wastewater service by a septic tank. The mailing address of the system is 3838 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, Florida 33607-4897. The physical address of the system is NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 23 East.

The applicant, operating as a corporation, has filed in accordance with Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.060(j), Florida Administrative Code, and has acknowledged Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, regarding false statements. Therefore, it is the recommendation of staff that Lutheran Outdoor Ministries be granted a certificate of exemption pursuant to Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes.

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Section 2.08(c)(14) of the Administrative Procedures Manual grants staff the administrative authority to approve requests for determination of exempt status that are clear-cut and without controversy. Therefore, staff recommends that an administrative order be issued as soon as possible finding Lutheran Outdoor Ministries exempt from Commission regulation pursuant to Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. Staff also recommends that the order require Lutheran Outdoor Ministries to notify the Commission within 30 days of any change in circumstances or method of operation of its water system so that its exempt status may be reevaluated. Furthermore, staff recommends that this docket be closed.

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