

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution of the Board) DOCKET NO. 951235-WS
of County Commissioners of) ORDER NO. PSC-96-0741-FOF-WS
Manatee County Declaring Manatee) ISSUED: June 4, 1996
County Subject to the Provisions)
of Section 367, Florida Statutes)
- Request For Exemption From)
Florida Public Service)
Commission Regulation For)
Provision of Water Service by)
Sarah Simpson.)

ORDER INDICATING NONJURISDICTIONAL STATUS
OF SARAH SIMPSON

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 4, 1995, Valley Dale Home Owners Association, Inc. (Valley Dale) filed an application with this Commission for recognition of its nonjurisdictional status, pursuant to Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. Valley Dale is located near the corner of Highway 301 and 96th Avenue East, Parrish, Florida. Ms. Sarah Simpson, President and primary contact person, filed the application on behalf of Valley Dale.

From a review of the application, it was determined that Valley Dale no longer exists; a majority of the members are now served by the County. Sarah Simpson is operating the system, which supplies water at no charge to four homes that have not connected to the County's system. Therefore, on March 29, 1996, a revised application was filed requesting exemption for the system in the name of Sarah Simpson.

Upon request and sufficient proof, the Commission will issue an order indicating the nonjurisdictional or exempt status of water or wastewater systems if they qualify under the appropriate provision of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. The application was filed in accordance with Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-30.060(2) and (3)(j), Florida Administrative Code.

Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes, states that a "utility means a water or wastewater utility and except as provided in Section 367.022, includes every person, lessee, trustee, or receiver owning, operating, managing or controlling a system, or proposing construction of a system, who is providing or proposes to provide water or wastewater service to the public for compensation."

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According to Sarah Simpson's application, water service is provided only to four homes located in the Valley Dale Subdivision; there is no charge for providing the service; and all costs of providing service are treated or recovered as operational expenses. Wastewater service is provided by septic tank.

In addition, pursuant to Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.060(2)(f), Florida Administrative Code, anyone knowingly making a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead is guilty of a misdemeanor. By signing the application, Ms. Simpson acknowledged that she is aware of Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, and the penalties for making false statements in the application.

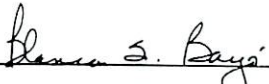
Based on the facts as represented, we find that Sarah Simpson is not a utility pursuant to the provisions of Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. Accordingly, Sarah Simpson is not subject to this Commission's jurisdiction. However, the owner of the system operated by Sarah Simpson or any successors in interest are put on notice that if there is any change in circumstance or method of operation, it should inform the Commission within 30 days of such change so that its nonjurisdictional status may be reevaluated.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that, based upon the facts as represented, Sarah Simpson, 4107 97th Avenue East, Parrish, Florida 34219, is not a water utility subject to this Commission's jurisdiction, pursuant to the provisions of Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket shall remain open to process additional applications.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 4th day of June, 1996.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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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, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, 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 and/or wastewater 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 Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.