

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for Exemption) DOCKET NO. 960483-SU
from Florida Public Service) ORDER NO. PSC-96-1149-FOF-SU
Commission Regulation for) ISSUED: September 12, 1996
Provision of Wastewater Service)
in Citrus County by Homosassa)
Sewer Association, Inc.)
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ORDER INDICATING THE EXEMPT STATUS OF
HOMOSSASSA SEWER ASSOCIATION, INC. AND CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 15, 1996, Homosassa Sewer Association, Inc. (HSAI or Association) filed a request for recognition of its exempt status, pursuant to Section 367.022(7), Florida Statutes. HSAI is located at 1711A South 10th Street, Florida. Mr. William Verville, President and primary contact person, filed the application on behalf of the Association.

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 367.022(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.060(3)(g), Florida Administrative Code.

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. Before an exemption of this nature may be granted, the applicant requesting the exemption must file with the Commission a statement specifying the following: that the corporation is nonprofit; providing service solely to the members who own and control it; whether it provides water service, wastewater service, or both; and who will do the billing. Additionally, the applicant must submit its Articles of Incorporation as filed with the Secretary of State and its Bylaws. These documents must show clearly the requirements of membership, the members' voting rights, and the circumstances under which control passes to the nondeveloper members.

In its application, HSAI stated that it is a nonprofit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and that it will provide wastewater service solely to its members

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who own and control it. H2O Utility Services, Inc. bills the members for the service on behalf of the Association. Water service is provided by Homosassa Water District.

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, Verville acknowledged that he is aware of Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, and the penalties for making false statements in the application.

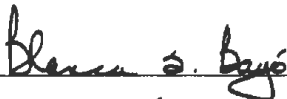
Based on the facts as represented, we find that HSAI is exempt from our regulation pursuant to Section 367.022(7), Florida Statutes. However, the owner of HSAI or any successors in interest are put on notice that if there is any change in circumstance or method of operation which causes the system to no longer qualify for exemption pursuant to Section 367.022, Florida Statutes, it should inform the Commission within 30 days of such change so that the system's status may be reevaluated.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that, based upon the facts as represented, Homosassa Sewer Association, Inc., 1711-A South 10th Street, Safety Harbor, Florida 34695, is hereby exempt from Commission regulation pursuant to the provisions of Section 367.022(7), Florida Statutes. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 12th day of September, 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.