

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for exemption) DOCKET NO. 921284-WU
from Florida Public Service) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0092-FOF-WU
Commission regulation for) ISSUED: 01/19/93
provision of water service in)
St. Lucie County by WESTSIDE)
VETERANS CENTER)
_____)

ORDER INDICATING NONJURISDICTIONAL
STATUS OF WESTSIDE VETERANS CENTER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 21, 1992, Westside Veterans Center (Westside) filed an application with this Commission for recognition of nonjurisdictional status, pursuant to Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. The contact person is Mr. Leonard H. Hanner, Vice President, and the mailing address for Mr. Hanner is P. O. Box 1765, Fort Pierce, Florida, 34954. The mailing address for Westside is 3475 Douglas Road, Fort Pierce, Florida, 34954. The applicant, which is a non-profit association, provides water service for the Veterans Center only. Water is provided by a well and wastewater is provided by a septic tank. The water system is located at the site of the Veterans Center.

The application was filed in accordance with Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-30.060(1), (2), and (3)(j), Florida Administrative Code. The applicant stated that there is no charge for providing utility service; all costs of providing service are treated or recovered as operational expenses; the system provides water service to the veterans center only; and the service territory is limited to the veterans center. Furthermore, the applicant acknowledged Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, regarding false statements.

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.

Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes, states that a "utility means a water or wastewater utility and except as provided in Section 367.022, Florida Statutes, 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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Based on the facts as represented, we find that Westside Veterans Center is not a utility pursuant to Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. However, should there be any change in circumstances or method of operation, the owner of Westside Veterans Center or any successor in interest shall inform this Commission within 30 days of the change so we may reevaluate its nonjurisdictional status.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Westside Veterans Center, 3475 Douglas Road, Fort Pierce, Florida 34954, is not a utility subject to this Commission's jurisdiction, pursuant to Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. It is further

ORDERED that should there be any change in circumstances or method of operation, the owner of Westside Veterans Center or its successor(s) in interest shall inform this Commission of the change within 30 days so we may reevaluate its nonjurisdictional status. It is further

ORDERED that this docket is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 19th day of January, 1993.



STEVE TRIBBLE, 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 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.