

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for exemption)
from Florida Public Service)
Commission regulation for)
provision of water service in)
St. Lucie County by WALTON ROAD)
BAPTIST CHURCH)
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DOCKET NO. 920996-WU
ORDER NO. PSC-93-0188-FOF-WU
ISSUED: 02/08/93

ORDER INDICATING NONJURISDICTIONAL
STATUS OF WALTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 5, 1992, Walton Road Baptist Church (Walton Road) filed an application with this Commission for recognition of nonjurisdictional status, pursuant to Section 367.021(12), Florida Statutes. Walton Road owns and operates the Westport Baptist Missionary water system, located at 1204 Del Rio Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida. The contact person is Mr. Bill Boyd and the mailing address is 2001 Walton Road, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952.

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 utility 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 church members and guests of the Westport Baptist Mission only. The water system is located at 1204 Del Rio Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida. Wastewater service is provided by a septic tank. There is no service provided to the public. 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 Walton Road Baptist Church 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 Walton Road Baptist Church 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 Walton Road Baptist Church, 2001 Walton Road, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952, 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 Walton Road Baptist Church 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 8th day of February, 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.