



# Public Service Commission

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DATE: October 10, 1997  
 TO: Jovon Snipes, Water and Wastewater  
 FROM: Charles Pellegrini, Staff Attorney *CP*  
 RE: Docket No. 960802-WU

A question has arisen relative to the responsibility for Manatee Utilities, Inc.'s 1996 annual report. Frank E. Woodward, as receiver for the utility, filed a notice of abandonment with this Commission on July 3, 1996. The Commission acknowledged Mr. Woodward's abandonment effective September 1, 1996, in Order No. PSC-96-1186-FOF-WU, issued September 20, 1996. Levy County has been operating the utility since that time through an independent contractor.

Section 367.022, Florida Statutes, (effective May 23, 1996) provides that systems operated by governmental authorities are not subject to regulation by the Commission as a utility. Thus, it is my belief that Mr. Woodward is responsible for the utility's annual report for the period January 1 through August 30, 1996, but that, because of its exempt status, Levy County has no such responsibility for the ensuing period.

cc: WAW (Brady, Messer)

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