BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request For Exemption From Florida Public Service Commission Regulation For Provision of Water and Wastewater in Palm Beach County by Arbor Oaks.) DOCKET NO. 941306-W8) ORDER NO. PSC-95-0404-FOF-W8) ISSUED: March 23, 1995

ORDER INDICATING EXEMPT STATUS OF ARBOR OAKS AND CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 16, 1994, Arbor Oaks filed an application with this Commission for recognition of its exempt status, pursuant to Section 367.022(8), Florida Statutes. Arbor Oaks, which is owned by Arbor Oaks, Ltd., is a 360-unit apartment complex located at 9817 Arbor Oaks Lane, Boca Raton, Florida. Mr. Robert S. Altman, Vice President of Arbor Oaks, Ltd., filed the application on behalf of Arbor Oaks. The primary contact person is Mr. Don Stevens, Southern Water Management, 396 Alhambra Circle, Suite 602, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

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(8), Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-30.060(2) and (3)(h), Florida Administrative Code.

Section 367.022(8), Florida Statutes, states, in part, that "[a]ny person who resells water or wastewater service at a rate or charge which does not exceed the actual purchase price thereof," and who complies with certain reporting requirements, is exempt from Commission regulation.

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According to Arbor Oaks' application, the service area is limited to the apartment complex located at 9817 Arbor Oaks Lane, Boca Raton, Florida. Meters have been installed on each individual apartment so that residents will be billed for the actual water and/or wastewater used. Arbor Oaks intends to purchase water and wastewater service from the Palm Beach County Water Department and resell these services to its residents at a rate that does not exceed the actual purchase price of the service. Southern Water Management Company will read the meters on a monthly basis and bill the residents accordingly for Arbor Oaks. The cost for service to vacant apartments will be paid by Arbor Oaks. Arbor Oaks intends to prorate the cost for service to common area between the total number of units (\$182 divided by 360 units = \$.50 per unit per month). No administrative or processing fee will be charged to the residents.

Arbor Oaks is aware of the requirements of Rule 25-30.111, Florida Administrative Code. 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, Mr. Altman 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 Arbor Oaks is exempt from Commission regulation as a reseller pursuant to Section 367.022(8), Florida Statutes. In the event of any change of circumstances or method of operation, the owner of Arbor Oaks or any successors in interest, must inform the Commission within 30 days of such change so its exempt status may be reevaluated.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that, based upon the facts as represented, Arbor Oaks, 9817 Arbor Oaks Lane, Boca Raton, Florida 33428, is hereby exempt from Commission regulation pursuant to the provisions of Section 367.022(8), Florida Statutes. It is further

ORDERED that should there be any change in circumstances or method of operation, the owner of Arbor Oaks or any successors in interest shall inform this Commission within 30 days of such a change so that we may reevaluate its exempt status. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 941306-WS is hereby closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 23rd day of March, 1995.

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 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,

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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.