

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by AquaSource
Utility, Inc., Ocala Oaks
Utilities, Inc., Jasmine Lakes
Utilities, Inc., Arredondo
Utilities, Inc., Crystal River
Utilities, Inc., and Lake Suzy
Utilities, Inc. to maintain
records out of state.

DOCKET NO. 001440-WS
ORDER NO. PSC-01-0516-FOF-WS
ISSUED: March 5, 2001

ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO MAINTAIN RECORDS OUT OF STATE

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 21, 2000, pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, AquaSource Utility, Inc., Ocala Oaks Utilities, Inc., Jasmine Lakes Utilities, Inc., Arredondo Utilities, Inc., Crystal River Utilities, Inc., and Lake Suzy Utilities, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as AquaSource or utility), filed a petition with this Commission to maintain its records out-of-state. The utility requests authorization to maintain various accounting records at AquaSource's corporate office, located in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, rather than at its offices within the State of Florida. We have jurisdiction pursuant to Section 367.121(1)(k), Florida Statutes.

Rule 25-30.110(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, states that unless otherwise authorized by this Commission, each utility shall maintain its records at the office or offices of the utility within this state and shall keep those records open for inspection during business hours by our staff.

In its filing, AquaSource states that it owns directly and through wholly-owned subsidiaries water and wastewater systems in many states other than Florida. Many of the systems are relatively small and cannot independently support proper accounting and record keeping functions. In order to provide all of its systems with professional accounting and record keeping functions, those functions are consolidated in AquaSource Utility, Inc.'s headquarters at 200 Corporate Center Drive, Coraopolis, PA 15108. AquaSource Utility, Inc. and its Florida subsidiaries (and, in turn, their customers) benefit from this consolidation of those functions.

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Section 367.121(1)(k), Florida Statutes, authorizes us "[to] assess a utility for reasonable travel costs associated with reviewing the records of the utility and its affiliates when such records are kept out-of-state." Rule 25-30.110(1)(c), Florida Administrative Code, defines reasonable travel expenses as "those travel expenses that are equivalent to travel expenses paid by the Commission in the ordinary course of its business." Rule 25-30.110(1)(c)1, Florida Administrative Code, states that "[t]he utility shall remit reimbursement for out-of-state travel expenses within 30 days from the date the Commission mails the invoice." In its filing, the utility acknowledges the requirements of Rule 25-30.110(1)(c), Florida Administrative Code, with regard to reimbursing staff travel expenses incurred for review of records maintained out-of-state, or to alternatively make those records available at a location within the State of Florida.

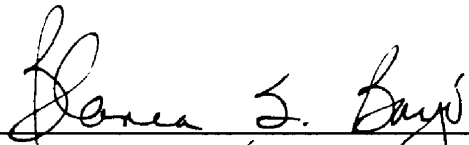
We find AquaSource's request is reasonable, and hereby grant the utility's petition. AquaSource shall therefore be authorized, pursuant to Rule 25-30.110(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, to keep its books and records out of state.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition by AquaSource Utility, Inc., Ocala Oaks Utilities, Inc. Jasmine Lakes Utilities, Inc., Arredondo Utilities, Inc., Crystal River Utilities, Inc., and Lake Suzy Utilities, Inc. to maintain records out of state is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that this docket is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 5th day of March, 2001.



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 120.569(1), 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.