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TIDEWATER UTILITIES INC.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Application

Sussex County

New Horizons

TIDEWATER
UTILITIES, INC.

"Southern Delaware's Premier Water Company Since 1964"

November 14, 2008

Mr. Kevin Neilson
Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Blvd.
Suite 100
Dover, DE 19904

Re: CPCN Application –New Horizons

Dear Mr. Neilson;

Enclosed you will find the CPCN application for New Horizons located in Sussex County, Delaware.

Two original and ten copies of the application have been included. A check payable to the Public Service Commission in the amount of $300.00 has also been included for the application fee. If I can be of further assistance upon your review, please do not hesitate to contact me at 302-734-7500 Ext. 1014.

Respectfully,

Joseph C. Cuccinello
CPCN Coordinator
Tidewater Utilities, Inc.

cc: Mr. Grover P. Ingle, SFMO w/enclosures
cc: Mr. Ed Hallock, DPH w/enclosures
cc: Ms. Katherine Bunting-Howarth, DNREC w/enclosures

1100 South Little Creek Road • Dover, DE 19901 • 302-734-7500 • 1-800-523-7224 • fax 302-734-9297

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRED TO BEGIN OR EXPAND THE BUSINESS OF A PUBLIC WATER UTILITY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Application Fee $300 for filing each extension to a CPCN
$750 for filing each original application for new water utility 26 Del. C. §114(a)

This form of application must be filed for each new and expanding water system pursuant to 26 Del. C. §203C.

WATER UTILITIES: **New Horizons**

1. Basis for application:

   _____a. Water in the proposed service area does not meet the Regulations Governing Public Drinking Water Systems of the State Board of Health for human consumption; {26 Del. C., §203C (d)(2)(a)}; or

   _____b. Water supply in the proposed service area is insufficient to meet the projected demand; 26 Del. C., §203C (d)(2)(b)}; or

   c. The applicant is in possession of a signed service agreement with the developer of a proposed subdivision or development, which subdivision or development has been duly approved by the respective county government; {26 Del. C., §203C (e)(1)(a)}; or

   __X__d. The applicant is in possession of a petition signed by all of the parcel owners of the proposed territory to be served; {26 Del. C., §203C (e)(1)(b)}; or **Exhibit A**

   _____e. The applicant is in possession of a duly certified copy of a resolution from the governing body of a county or municipality requesting the applicant to provide service to the proposed territory to be served; {26 Del. C., §203C (e)(1)(c)}.

2. To obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to provide adequate water service to customers and meet the Regulations Governing Drinking Water Standards of the State Board of Health for human consumption {26 Del. C., §203C(a)}.

3. Tidewater Utilities, Inc. requests an informal fact finding procedure during review of application.

4. (a.) Full legal name and address of Applicant:
   Tidewater Utilities, Inc.
   1100 South Little Creek Road
   Dover, Delaware 19901
   (b.) Full name of the Utility's designated representative:
   Joseph C. Cuccinello
   Emily R. Opdyke
   (c.) Phone no: 302-734-7500 X1014 or X1012
   (d.) Fax no: 302-734-9297
   (e.) Email address: jcuccinello@Tuiwater.com or eopdyke@tuiwater.com

5. Supporting documentation required by 26 Del. C. §203C(e)(1), including evidence that all landowners of the proposed territory have been notified of application: **Exhibit B**

6. A complete list of county tax map parcel number(s) for the area covered by the application: **Exhibit C**

7. A complete list of county tax map parcel number(s) with corresponding names and addresses of property owners and a copy of the tax map(s) for the area: **Exhibit C**

8. The Applicant hereby certifies that the extension will satisfy the provisions of 26 Del. C. §403C, including:

(a.) The Applicant is currently furnishing water to its present customers in Delaware in such a fashion that water pressure at every house supplies is at least 25 psi at all times at the service connection.

(b.) The Applicant shall furnish water to the house or separate location of each new customer in the Delaware at a pressure of at least 25 psi at each location or house at all times at the connection while continuing also to supply each old customer at a pressure of at least 25 psi at each house at all times at the service connection.

(c.) The Applicant is currently not subject to a finding by the appropriate federal or state regulatory authority that we have materially failed to comply with applicable safe drinking water or water quality standards; and

(d.) The Applicant is currently not subject to any Order issued by the Commission finding that Tidewater Utilities, Inc. has materially failed to provide adequate or proper safe water services to existing customers.

9. Copies of petitions signed by landowners showing a majority of the parcel owners of the proposed territory to be served agree with the filing of a CPCN to permit Applicant to provide them with public water. **Exhibit A**

10. (a.) A copy of the application must be sent to State Fire Marshall, Public Health Department, and Department of Natural Resources.

1.) The current status of such application is: **Sent**

(b.) The Applicant provides the following additional information with this application;

1.) A corporate history including dates of incorporation, subsequent acquisitions and/or mergers, **On PSC File**

2.) A chart, which depicts the inter-company relationships, **On PSC File**

3.) A map identifying all areas, including all towns, cities, counties and other governments subdivisions to which service is already provided, **On PSC File**

4.) All copies of Applicant's annual reports to stockholders and that of its subsidiaries, and parent for the last two years, **On PSC File**

5.) Applicant's audited financial statements, 10K's and all proxy material for the last two years, **On PSC File**

6.) Any additional information required by PSC Staff will be made available on request.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerard L. Esposito
President

Certification of Landowner Information Accuracy

By submitting this application, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. hereby certifies that we have reviewed the appropriate tax or land record documents; and that according to those documents, the landowners identified in the parcel lists are the landowners of record and that the petitions contained in this application have been signed by the landowners of record.

Joseph C. Cuccinello
CPCN Coordinator

EXHIBIT A

PETITION FOR INCLUSION IN TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC.
WATER SERVICE TERRITORY

In accordance with 26 Delaware Code 203-C., I/we, the undersigned, as the recorded property owners according to current tax records for the following property/properties, request to be included in the water service territory of Tidewater Utilities, Inc. I/We understand that all of the property owners must sign this petition in order for Tidewater Utilities, Inc to apply for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) in order to provide water service to the following property/properties:

Tax Parcel Number(s) 332-5.00-15.00

Owner's Signature(s): P. M. West Date: 9-24-08

Date:

Date:

Owner's Name(s): Pamela Quinn West

Owner's Address: 906 Bergen Park dr.
Salisbury, MD
21804

P-08-07604

EXHIBIT B

TIDEWATER
UTILITIES, INC.

"Southern Delaware's Premier Water Company Since 1964"

Certified Mail Receipt #7005 3110 0000 5448 4123

October 15, 2008

Doris K. West Trustee
c/o: Pamela Quinn West
906 Beaglin Park Drive
Salisbury, Maryland 21804

Dear Ms West;

Tidewater Utilities Inc. (Tidewater) would like to thank you for the receipt of your signed petition requesting Tidewater to provide water service to your property, parcel number 332-5.00-15.00, located in Sussex County.

Tidewater will be submitting an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) with the Public Service Commission (PSC) on or about November 14, 2008. Included with this letter is information that we are required to provide to all landowners within a proposed service territory prior to filing the application for a CPCN.

When the CPCN is granted, Tidewater will have the permission to provide public water service to your parcel. It is important for you, as the landowner, to know that when water service is made available to your parcel you are not obligated to connect to our water system as long as your current water supply is functioning properly. If you agree to have your property be part of this proposed service area, no action on your part is required at this time.

Tidewater understands that customer satisfaction and quality water are the foundation of our business. In 2007 Tidewater was awarded the Torch Award by the Delaware Better Business Bureau for our Marketplace Ethics. Tidewater a part of Middlesex Water Company was recently named one of America's 100 most trustworthy publicly traded firms according to Audit Integrity, Inc. In addition, Tidewater was voted Best Tasting Water in 2007 by Delaware Rural Water Association.

If you have any questions in regards to this matter please feel free to contact me at 1-800-523-7224 ext. 1014.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Cuccinello
CPCN Coordinator

1100 South Little Creek Road • Dover, DE 19901 • 302-734-7500 • 1-800-523-7224 • fax 302-734-9297

LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION

In accordance with Delaware law and regulations of the Public Service Commission, the applicant, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. must show evidence that all landowners of the proposed territory have been notified by certified mail or its' equivalent of the filing of the application.

(1) Pursuant to Title 26, § 203C(e) of the Delaware Code, an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) will be submitted to the Delaware Public Service Commission on or about November 14, 2008. In accordance with the petition you have recently signed, your properties have been included within an area Tidewater Utilities, Inc. intends to serve with public water and we are required to inform you of certain information. The area to be served is tax parcel number 332-5.00-15.00 located in Sussex County, Delaware. If you agree to the inclusion of your property in the proposed service area, no action on your part is required.

(2) Pursuant to current law, you may file an objection to receiving water service from Tidewater Utilities, Inc. Under Delaware law, the Public Service Commission cannot grant a CPCN to Tidewater Utilities, Inc. for the proposed service area, including your property, if a majority of the landowners in the proposed service area object to the issuance of the CPCN. If you object to receiving water service from Tidewater Utilities, Inc., you must notify the Commission, in writing, within sixty days of you receipt of this notice or within thirty days of the filing of a completed application for a CPCN, whichever is greater.

(3) Pursuant to current law, you may also elect to opt-out of inclusion in the proposed service area. The term "opt-out" means that you decide that you do not want to receive water service from Tidewater Utilities, Inc., even if a majority of the landowners in the proposed service area do elect to receive water service from Tidewater Utilities, Inc. If you do decide that you do not want to receive water service from Tidewater Utilities, Inc. and instead wish to opt-out, you must notify the Commission, in writing, within sixty days of your receipt of this notice or within thirty days of the filing of the completed application for a CPCN, whichever is greater.

(4) You may also request a public hearing on this matter. A request for a public hearing must be made in writing to the Commission within sixty days of your receipt of this notice or within thirty days of the filing of the completed application for a CPCN, whichever is greater.

(5) The written notice of your decision to object to the issuance of the CPCN, to opt-out of receiving water service from Tidewater Utilities, Inc., and/or your written request for a public hearing, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Public Service Commission at the address below.

(6) Any written notice you send to the Commission must include the description of the service area referred to in paragraph (1) above and the name of the applicant so the Commission will be able to identify the CPCN application to which your notice is related.

(7) Questions regarding objections, opt-outs, and hearings may be directed to:

Commission Secretary
861 Silver Lake Blvd.
Suite 100
Dover DE, 19904
302-736-7500

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Doris K. West Trustee
c/o: Pamela Quinn West
906 Beaglin Park Drive
Salisbury, Md 21804

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature
X P. Q. West ☐ Agent ☒ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name) Pamela Q. West
C. Date of Delivery 10-21-08

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type
☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail
☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise
☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes

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City, State, ZIP+4 Salisbury, Md 21804

PS Form 3800, June 2002 See Reverse for Instructions

EXHIBIT C

TAX Parcel Reference List

Exhibit C

Tax Map Parcel Numbers	Acres	Owner
332-5.00-15.00	76.46	Doris K. West Trustee c/o: P. Quinn West 906 Beaglin Park Drive Salisbury, MD 21804
Total Acres	76.46	

MAPS

SEE ORIGINALS IN DOCKET