

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF        )  
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION        )  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE RATE       ) PSC DOCKET NO. 05-322  
DESIGN AND RATE STRUCTURE IN EASTERN       )  
SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE                 )  
(FILED SEPTEMBER 2, 2005)                 )

**ORDER NO. 6802**

**AND NOW**, to wit, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D., 2005, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (hereinafter "Chesapeake" or "the Company") pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 201, having filed the above-captioned application (the "Application") with the Public Service Commission ("the Commission") seeking, among other things, the approval of an alternative rate design and rate structure for the expansion areas of eastern Sussex County as reflected in the Application including the approval to implement on a temporary basis and subject to refund the alternative rate design and rate structure described herein;

**AND**, the Commission, by Order Number 6744 dated October 11, 2005, determined, pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §§ 303 and 304, that the proposed alternative rate design request along with the other elements of this application should be suspended until January 1, 2006 so that the Commission can further study the application in more detail;

**AND**, the Company, having requested the Commission to further suspend the implementation of the proposed alternative rate design request along with the other elements of the application until February 1, 2006 so that the Commission can further study the application in more detail; now, therefore,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That pursuant to 26 Del. C. §§ 303 and 304, the Application made by Chesapeake Utilities Corporation on September 2, 2005 for establishment, *inter alia*, of an alternative rate design and rate structure for certain areas of eastern Sussex County, is hereby suspended until February 1, 2006. The suspension of the Application may be further extended beyond February 1, 2006 by Order of this Commission.

2. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae  
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark  
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson  
Secretary