

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
ARTESIAN WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT, INC.)
FOR APPROVAL OF A TARIFF, RATES, AND)
RULES AND RULES AND REGULATIONS TO) PSC DOCKET NO. 04-430WW
GOVERN THE PROVISION OF WASTEWATER)
SERVICES IN DELAWARE)
(FILED NOVEMBER 12, 2004))

ORDER NO. 6832

This 7th day of February, 2006, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. In PSC Order No. 6825 (Jan. 24, 2006), this Commission finally approved an initial Tariff to govern the rates and terms and conditions for the provision of wastewater public utility services by Artesian Wastewater Management, Inc. ("AWMI"). The Tariff there approved includes an annual customer charge and a specific connection fee applicable to connections made by AWMI in its "Stonewater Creek" service territory. By the terms of the Order, the approved Tariff was limited to service in that particular service territory.

2. During the deliberations on Order No. 6825, AWMI represented that it contemplated providing its wastewater services in another certificated service territory - "The Reserves at Lewes" ("The Reserves")¹ - within a short period of time. AWMI represented that it intended to charge the tariffed annual customer fee in that development but would not

¹This development encompasses several of the parcels included within the service territory granted by PSC Order No. 6717 (Sept. 6, 2005). See PSC Order No. 6714 at 2 n. 2.

seek to charge a separate "connection fee" for that service territory.²

3. Staff reports that the expansion of services into "The Reserves" portion of the service territory granted by Order No. 6717 will not affect the reasonableness of the tariffed annual customer fee. Moreover, given that no one-time, front-end connection fee will be charged to customers within "The Reserves," there is no additional rate to be further investigated or approved for service there.

3. Consequently, the Commission will waive the timing requirements set forth in paragraph 5 and Ordering paragraph 4 of Order No. 6825 and allow the approved Tariff to apply to AWMI's services in "The Reserves" portion of the service territory granted in Order No. 6717. Such authorization shall be effective as of February 7, 2006.

Now, therefore, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That, for the reasons set forth in the body of this Order, the filing requirements set forth in paragraph 5 and Ordering paragraph 4 of PSC Order No. 6825 (Jan. 24, 2006) are hereby waived for the provision of public wastewater services by Artesian Wastewater Management, Inc. in "The Reserves at Lewes" portion of the service territory granted by PSC Order No. 6717 (Sept. 6, 2005).

²AWMI represented that the developer developing "The Reserves" would fully contribute the facilities to be used by AWMI to serve that development.

2. That, for the reasons set forth in the body of this Order, the Tariff previously approved in PSC Order No. 6825 (Jan. 24, 2006), including the rates described therein (except for the connection fee applicable to Stonewater Creek development) shall govern the wastewater public utility services provided by Artesian Wastewater Management, Inc. in "The Reserves at Lewes" portion of the service territory granted by PSC Order No. 6717 (Sept. 6, 2005). Such Tariff shall be effective for that service territory as of February 7, 2006. Such Tariff shall continue to govern the utility's services in the service territory granted by PSC Order No. 6589 (Mar. 5, 2005).

3. That, except as modified by this Order, all the other directives in PSC Order No. 6825 (Jan. 24, 2006) shall remain applicable.

4. 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/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow
Commissioner

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/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson
Secretary