

**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. 6853

AND NOW, to wit, this 28th day of February, A.D., 2006, 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 previous Orders of the Commission, 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 further Order of the Commission 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

further Order of the Commission 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 further Order of this Commission. Nothing stated in this Order shall, however, preclude Chesapeake Utilities Corporation from requesting the Commission at a later date to implement, on a temporary basis and subject to refund, the alternative rate design and rate structure described in the Application.

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/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark
Commissioner

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/s/ Dallas Winslow
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson
Secretary