

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
TIDEWATER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,)
INC., FOR APPROVAL OF RATES TO GOVERN)
THE PROVISION OF WASTEWATER SERVICES) PSC DOCKET NO. 05-217WW
TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RETREAT,)
SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE)
(FILED JUNE 21, 2005))

ORDER NO. 6908

This 9th day of May, 2006, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. In PSC Order No. 6829 (Jan. 24, 2006), the Commission approved, on a temporary basis, an annual rate, an impact fee, and a Tariff to govern the wastewater utility services that Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. ("TESI") provides in its "The Retreat" service territory outside of Rehoboth Beach in Sussex County. The Commission directed TESI to provide notices, both published and directly delivered, of its proposed rate and fee for this territory. In such notice, the Commission said if objections to the rates or Tariff were not forthcoming, the rate, impact fee, and Tariff might be finally approved without further protracted proceedings. The Commission chose to take this tact given that Staff had already analyzed the rates for this start-up situation and had recommended that they be found reasonable.

2. A public notice was published and direct notices were mailed to present lot owners. No comments were received. The Public Advocate has not voiced objection to the rates or Tariff. Staff still

supports approval of the rate, impact fee, and the contemplated Tariff. Consequently, the Commission now finally approves TESI's annual rate, its initial impact fee, and its Tariff. They shall govern its wastewater services in "The Retreat" subdivision.

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

1. That Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc., is hereby finally authorized to charge and collect the following rates and fees for its public utility wastewater services in the service territory granted by PSC Order No. 6724 (Sept. 20, 2005):

- (a) annual customer fee of \$850; and
- (b) an impact fee of \$7,850 to be charged the customer that initially takes wastewater services from the utility and to be collected at the time the first customer purchases a lot in the service territory.

The Commission further finally approves the Tariff filed by Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc., on February 15, 2006. The approvals here are effective on the date of this Order.

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

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/s/ Dallas Winslow
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson
Secretary