

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

IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WATER)
DELAWARE INC.'S SUBMISSION, PURSUANT)
TO 26 DEL. C. § 1404, OF A WATER CON-) PSC DOCKET NO. 06-207
SERVATION PLAN FOR 2006-2009 AND A)
CERTIFICATION OF ADEQUATE WATER)
SUPPLY FOR NORTHERN NEW CASTLE COUNTY)
FOR THE PROJECTED YEAR 2009)
(FILED JUNE 26, 2006))

(Not Consolidated)

IN THE MATTER OF ARTESIAN WATER)
COMPANY, INC.'S SUBMISSION, PURSUANT)
TO 26 DEL. C. § 1404, OF A WATER CON-) PSC DOCKET NO. 06-221
SERVATION PLAN FOR 2006-2009 AND A)
CERTIFICATION OF ADEQUATE WATER)
SUPPLY FOR NORTHERN NEW CASTLE COUNTY)
FOR THE PROJECTED YEAR 2009)
(FILED JUNE 30, 2006))

ORDER NO. 6996

This 8th day of August, 2006, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. Under the "Water Supply Self-Sufficiency Act of 2003" (26 Del. C. §§ 1401-08 (2004 Supp.)), every three years, each Commission-jurisdictional water utility serving northern New Castle County must submit a plan describing how it will educate its subscribers about water conservation accompanied by a certification that the utility will have adequate supply to meet demand in the ensuing "projected" year. See 26 Del. C. § 1404 (2004 Supp.). Both United Water Delaware Inc. and Artesian Water Company, Inc. have made such a submission for the initial, year 2006, reporting year.

2. The language of the Self Sufficiency Act vests in the Commission power to investigate and review the submissions and to

accept or reject the utility's adequate supply certification. To aid the Commission in performing these statutorily assigned tasks for both of the above utilities, the Commission now seeks input from the public and other interested parties on each utility's conservation plan and adequate supply certification.

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

1. That the Secretary shall publish the notice attached as Exhibit "A" in The News Journal newspaper, in two-column format, outlined in black, on Thursday, August 10, 2006. Proof of publication shall be included in the file.

2. That United Water Delaware Inc. and Artesian Water Company, Inc. are hereby notified, under 26 Del. C. § 114(b), that each utility will be charged the costs of the proceedings in that utility's particular docket. The costs for publication of the notice under Ordering paragraph 1 shall be equally allocated to each docket.

3. 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

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**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS CONCERNING WATER CONSERVATION PLANS
AND ADEQUATE SUPPLY CERTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED BY
UNITED WATER DELAWARE INC.
AND ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.**

United Water Delaware Inc. and Artesian Water Company, Inc. have each filed with the Public Service Commission ("PSC") a three-year consumer water conservation plan and a certification that the utility will have adequate water supply to serve its customers in northern New Castle County in 2009. Under the provisions of 26 Del. C. § 1404, the PSC must review each utility's conservation plan and also accept or reject each utility's certification that it will have adequate supply to meet its projected demand for 2009.

The PSC now seeks comments on each utility's water conservation plan and its certification of adequate supply. You may review each water utility's plan and certification (with supporting materials) at the PSC's office in Dover. You may also review the filings at the PSC's website at www.state.de.us/delpsc/water.shtml under "Important or Pending cases." If you wish to comment, please file 10 copies of such comments at the addresses listed below. Please make sure you identify which utility you are commenting upon. Submit such comments to:

Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
Cannon Building, Suite 100
Dover, Delaware 19904
Attn: PSC Dckt. No. 06-207 (United)
PSC Dckt. No. 06-221 (Artesian)

You must file your comments on or before Thursday, August 31, 2006. If you have questions, or need more information, contact the PSC at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or at 302-739-4247 (including text telephone). You can also send inquiries by Internet e-mail addressed to andrea.maucher@state.de.us.