

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

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. 7051**

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. Pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 1404(c) (2004 Supp.), the Commission hereby acknowledges the "Consumer Water Conservation Plan" filed by Artesian Water Company, Inc. on June 30, 2006.

2. The Commission reserves the opportunity to propose to the utility modifications to the submitted Conservation Plan. Although the provisions of 26 Del. C. § 1404(c) contemplate that such proposals normally accompany the acknowledgement, the Commission believes that using additional time to formulate such proposals works no harm to the utility. By statutory command, the utility remains free to accept or reject the proposed modifications. With more time, the Commission may be able to more finely tune its proposal and have additional discussions with the utility concerning possible implementation.

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

1. That the "Consumer Water Conservation Plan" filed by Artesian Water Company, Inc. under the provisions of 26 Del. C.

§ 1404(a)(1) & (b)(1) for the projected period of 2006 through 2009 is hereby acknowledged.

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/ Dallas Winslow  
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson  
Secretary