

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF RULES)	
CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 72 DEL.)	
LAWS CH. 402 (2000) GRANTING THE)	
COMMISSION THE JURISDICTION TO GRANT AND)	PSC REGULATION DOCKET
REVOKE THE CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC)	NO. 51
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR PUBLIC)	
UTILITY WATER UTILITIES)	
(OPENED NOVEMBER 21, 2000; REOPENED)	
MARCH 20, 2007))	

ORDER NO. 7165

This 24th day of April, 2007, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. By PSC Order No. 7142 (Mar. 20, 2007), the Commission proposes to supersede its present rules governing the granting and revocation of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCNs") to water utilities with a set of new Certification rules. The Commission provided notice of its proposed new rules in the Delaware Register of Regulations. See 10 DE Reg. 1563-1580 (April 1, 2007). The Commission also published, in both the Delaware Register of Regulations and two newspapers, notices about a public hearing on such proposed revisions on May 16, 2007. See 10 DE Reg. 1637-1638 (April 1, 2007).

2. Artesian Water Company, Inc. has informed the Commission that the date for the scheduled public hearing falls on the date for its annual stockholders' meeting. To allow participation by all water utilities, the Commission will now reschedule the public hearing to a

later date. The Commission will also extend the date for the submission of written comments.

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

1. That the dates for the submission of written comments (May 4, 2007) and the public hearing (May 16, 2007) set forth in PSC Order No. 7142 (Mar. 20, 2007) are hereby changed to:

Friday, May 18, 2007 (new deadline for written comments)

Tuesday, June 5, 2007 (new public hearing).

2. That the Secretary shall forward to the Registrar of Regulations for publication in the May 1, 2007 issue of the Delaware Register of Regulations the form of notice attached hereto as Exhibit "A" announcing the rescheduling of the public hearing and the extension of the period of time to file written comments.

3. That Artesian Water Company, Inc. shall publish the form of notice attached hereto as Exhibit "A" in the following newspapers on the designated dates in two-column format, outlined in black:

The News Journal (April 30, 2007)

Delaware State News (April 27, 2007)

Artesian Water Company, Inc. shall file with the Commission affidavits reflecting such publication of the notices on or before May 18, 2007.

4. That the Secretary shall send a copy of the form of notice attached as Exhibit "A," by U.S. mail to all persons who have requested prior notice of the Commission's rule-making proceedings. In addition, the Secretary shall send a copy of such form of notice by electronic e-mail or United States mail to all PSC jurisdictional water utilities and all other water utilities that have previously

obtained Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Commission.

8. 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

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**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING AND
EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF TIME FOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS**

TO: ALL WATER UTILITIES, CONSUMERS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

By PSC Order No. 7142 (Mar. 20, 2007), the Public Service Commission proposes to revise its current rules related to the granting, denying, and revoking of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to water utilities under 26 Del. C. § 203C. In Order No. 7142, the Commission proposed a new set of rules that would, if adopted, supersede the Commission's current rules. The Commission published notice of its proposed rule changes in the Delaware Register of Regulations on April 1, 2007. See 10 DE Reg. 1563-1580 (Apr. 1, 2007). The Commission also previously published in the Delaware Register of Regulations, and The News Journal, and Delaware State News newspapers notices of its proposed amendments.

In the prior notices, the Commission announced that written comments on the new rules could be filed until May 4, 2007 and that the Commission would hold a public hearing on the new proposed rules on Wednesday, May 18, 2007. **The Commission has rescheduled the public hearing to Tuesday, June 5, 2007. The hearing will still be held at the Commission's Dover office beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. The Commission's office is located at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904. The Commission has also extended the deadline for the submission of written comments until on or before Friday, May 18, 2007.** The manner for submitting written comments remains as set forth in Order No. 7142 and as outlined at 10 DE Reg. 1637-38 (Apr. 1, 2007). Order No. 7142 is available at the Commission's website at <http://depssc.delaware.gov>.

If you have any inquiries concerning this rescheduling of the public hearing and the deadline for filing written comments, contact the Commission at (800) 282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 739-4247 (including Text Telephone). You can also send your inquiries by Internet e-mail to andrea.maucher@state.de.us.