

**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) PSC DOCKET NO. 05-344WW
SERVICES TO THE BAY FRONT SUBDIVISION,)
SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE)
(FILED SEPTEMBER 26, 2005))

ORDER NO. 7185

This 22nd day of May, 2007, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. In PSC Order No. 7130 (Feb. 6, 2007), the Commission approved, on a temporary basis, a monthly service charge and a Tariff to govern the wastewater utility services that Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. ("TESI") provides in its "Bay Front Subdivision" service territory in Sussex County. TESI will recover a front-end impact fee of \$4,800 per connection from the developer at the time of application for wastewater services by each new customer. The Commission directed TESI to provide notices of its proposed service charge and Tariff for this territory, both by newspaper publication and direct mailing to its current customers. In such notice, the Commission said that if objections to the charge or Tariff were not forthcoming, the charge and Tariff might finally be approved without further protracted proceedings. The Commission chose to take this tact given that Staff had already analyzed the charge for this start-up situation and had recommended that it be found reasonable.

2. A public notice was published in The News Journal newspaper on February 19, 2007 and a letter from TESI dated March 13, 2007 was sent by U.S. mail to its current customers. No comments or objections to the charge or Tariff were received from any customer, interested persons, or the Public Advocate. Staff supports approval of the monthly charge and the contemplated Tariff. Consequently, the Commission now finally approves TESI's monthly service charge and its Tariff, which shall govern its wastewater services in the "Bay Front Subdivision" service territory.

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

1. That Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc., is hereby finally authorized to institute an annual charge of \$960 for its public utility wastewater services in the service territory granted by PSC Order No. 7056 (Oct. 31, 2006). The Commission further finally approves the Tariff filed by Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc., on July 25, 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