

**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. 07-184WW
SERVICES TO THE EXISTING CUSTOMERS IN)
THE TOWN OF MILTON, SUSSEX COUNTY,)
DELAWARE (FILED JULY 2, 2007))

ORDER NO. 7306

This 16th day of October, 2007, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. In PSC Order No. 7251 (Aug. 21, 2007), the Commission approved, on a temporary basis, a proposed \$40.00 quarterly flat fee and a \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons usage fee, premised on concurrent water usage amounts, and a proposed Tariff to govern the wastewater utility services that Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. ("TESI") provides to the existing customers within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Milton. The Commission directed TESI to provide notice of its proposed quarterly flat fee and usage fee for this service territory by newspaper publication. In such notice, the Commission said that if objections to the fees were not forthcoming, the fees might finally be approved without further protracted proceedings. The Commission chose to take this tact given that Staff had concluded that the proposed fees are supported by the data, estimates, and projections submitted by TESI.

2. A public notice was published in The News Journal newspaper on August 30, 2007, and no comments or objections to the fees were

received from any customer, interested persons, or the Division of the Public Advocate. Staff supports approval of the quarterly flat fee and usage fee. Consequently, the Commission now finally approves TESI's quarterly flat fee and usage fee, which shall govern its wastewater services to its existing customers within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Milton.

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

1. That Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc., is hereby finally authorized to institute a quarterly fee of \$40.00 and a usage fee of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons (based on concurrent water usage) for its public utility wastewater services provided to its existing customers within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Milton, in the service territory granted by PSC Order No. 7244 (Aug. 21, 2007).¹ The Commission further finally approves the Tariff filed by Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc., on July 7, 2007. 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

¹ As set forth in PSC Order No. 7244, the Town of Milton and Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. are parties to a wastewater services agreement under which the Town of Milton will cease its municipal operation of the present sewer system in favor of Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. providing its services within the Town of Milton.

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/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