

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR A) PSC DOCKET NO. 07-CPCN-52
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND) ("SOUTHERN NEW CASTLE
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICES) COUNTY 4")
PURSUANT TO 26 Del. C. § 203C)
(FILED OCTOBER 31, 2007)

ORDER NO. 7353

**GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
TO PROVIDE PUBLIC WATER UTILITY SERVICES**

This 22nd day of January, 2008, the Commission finds, determines, and Orders the following:

1. On October 31, 2007, Artesian Water Company, Inc. ("Artesian" or "Applicant") filed an application ("Application") with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to expand its facilities and operations in order to provide water services to twenty parcels of land distributed around Middletown and Townsend, New Castle County, Delaware ("Proposed Service Area"). The basis for the Application is Artesian's possession of petitions requesting water services signed by all of the owners of the parcels of land comprising the Proposed Service Area in accordance with 26 Del. C. § 203C(e)(1)b. With its Application, Artesian filed evidence that it had mailed to all landowners in the Proposed Service Area notice of its application and the options available to affected landowners. In addition, on Staff's direction, Artesian published notice of its Application in two newspapers of general circulation. The Commission received no comments regarding

the Applicant or this Application as a result of either form of notice.

2. The Commission Staff has completed its review and investigation of the Application and the Applicant. In a January 15, 2008 Memorandum to the Commission, Staff reports that Artesian's Application complies with the provisions of 26 Del. C. § 203C and the Commission's *Regulations Governing Water Utilities Including the Public Service Commission's Jurisdiction to Grant and Revoke Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity*, and recommends approval of the Application.

3. For these reasons, the Commission finds that Artesian has met all requirements for the granting of a CPCN and, therefore, the Commission shall approve the Application as filed in PSC Docket No. 07-CPCN-52 on October 31, 2007.

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

1. That, pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 203C(e), to the extent it is consistent with this Order, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to Artesian Water Company, Inc., to serve the area more specifically identified by the following New Castle County Tax Map Parcels Numbers:

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| 1300900397 | 1302200024 | 1400643019 | 1402000029 |
| 1301600003 | 1302600020 | 1401200129 | 1402000114 |
| 1301700011 | 1302600021 | 1401600103 | 1402000115 |
| 1301800002 | 1400600024 | 1401600297 | 1501100074 |
| 1302100008 | 1400643003 | 1401700037 | 1501100075 |

