

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
ARTESIAN WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT, INC. )  
FOR APPROVAL OF TWO NEW CLASSES OF )  
SERVICE, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL, ) PSC DOCKET NO. 07-350WW  
AND FOR APPROVAL OF RATES TO GOVERN )  
THE PROVISION OF WASTEWATER SERVICES )  
TO THE INDEPENDENCE RUN DEVELOPMENT, )  
SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE )  
(FILED DECEMBER 14, 2007) )

**ORDER NO. 7387**

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. On December 14, 2007, Artesian Wastewater Management, Inc. ("AWMI") filed an application for approval of a wastewater Tariff for its "Independence Run" service territory in Sussex County, Delaware. The proposed Tariff includes the \$900 annual customer charge (billed on a monthly basis at \$75 per month) which is present in all of AWMI's wastewater Tariffs, as well as a \$6,000 front-end connection fee to be collected from the developer. In its application, AWMI also requested approval to add two new classes of service; i.e., Commercial and Industrial, and to make certain other updates and clarifications to its Tariffs for all of its wastewater service territories.

2. On February 5, 2008, by Order No. 7361, this Commission approved, on a temporary basis and subject to refund, the proposed Tariff for "Independence Run" as well as the two new customer classes and other requested tariff changes. The Commission also directed AWMI to publish notice of its proposals in The News Journal and Delaware

State News newspapers and to mail a copy of the notice to any customers presently connected to the "Independence Run" system.

3. In response to the public notice, several residents of "Independence Run" have contacted Commission Staff objecting to the proposed wastewater rates and requesting additional time to review the application and to respond with comments.

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

1. That the Commission hereby extends the comment period in this case until June 16, 2008, to allow sufficient time for review of and comment on the proposed wastewater rates.

2. That the Commission directs Commission Staff to respond to the concerns raised by the residents of "Independence Run" either formally, by way of a duly noticed public comment hearing, or informally, by way of meeting directly with those who have contacted the Commission.

3. That the Commission directs Commission Staff to further review AWWMI's financial and cost data "to determine whether the particular connection charge proposed for the additional service territory is just and reasonable" and "to determine if the 'uniform' yearly charge remains just and reasonable in light of AWWMI's expansion of its actual utility operations," as provided in PSC Order No 6825 (Jan. 24, 2006), and to report back to the Commission, with its conclusions, no later than June 26, 2008.

4. 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