

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
LONG NECK WATER COMPANY, LLC FOR) PSC DOCKET NO. 09-216
APPROVAL OF A RANDOM SAMPLING METER)
TESTING PLAN (FILED APRIL 9, 2009))

ORDER NO. 7589

AND NOW, this 16th day of June, 2009:

WHEREAS, the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") has promulgated "Minimum Standards Governing Service Provided by Public Water Companies" ("Minimum Standards") that govern the operation of water utilities regulated by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 2001-4.2.4.2 of the Minimum Standards requires each utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction to implement a Commission-approved program for testing meters to ensure their accuracy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Minimum Standards, Long Neck Water Company, LLC ("Long Neck" or the "Company") submitted to the Commission a proposed "Random Sampling Meter Testing Plan" (the "Plan") on April 9, 2009, which Plan seeks Commission approval to test the accuracy of its in-service 5/8-inch water meters by conducting statistical sampling of those meters; and

WHEREAS, Commission Staff ("Staff") has reviewed the proposed Plan and has discussed it with Company personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has approved statistical sampling as an acceptable method of meter testing for United Water Delaware Inc. ("United"), Delmarva Power & Light Company and the Delaware Electric

Cooperative (before it elected to be removed from Commission regulation); and

WHEREAS, the Plan does not change the Company's process for testing meters suspected to be inaccurate, and will not change customers' existing right to request a meter test as set forth in the Company's tariff; and

WHEREAS, Staff states that the Company's Plan is based on the meter testing program that the Commission approved for United, with minor changes reflecting the differences between United and Long Neck; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Company's proposed Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:

1. That Long Neck Water Company, LLC's proposed "Random Sampling Meter Testing Plan" for in-service 5/8-inch water meters is hereby approved.

2. That Long Neck Water Company, LLC shall modify its tariff to address the "Random Sampling Meter Testing Plan" and submit such modified tariff sheet(s) to the Commission.

3. That Long Neck Water Company, LLC shall submit to the Commission annual reports summarizing the results of the "Random Sampling Meter Testing Plan".

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