

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	
ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR A	)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE	)	PSC DOCKET NO. 09-CPCN-07
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER	)	("NORTHERN SUSSEX 2008")
SERVICES PURSUANT TO 26 DEL. C.	)	
§ 203C (FILED FEBRUARY 13, 2009 AND	)	
AMENDED JULY 7, 2009)	)	

**ORDER NO. 7624**

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

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009, the Commission finds, determines, and Orders the following:

1. On February 13, 2009, 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 thirty-nine parcels of land distributed between southwest of Ellendale, Bridgeville, and Milton, Sussex County, Delaware ("Proposed Service Area"). The basis for the Application is Artesian's possession of petitions requesting water services signed by all 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 of the landowners in the Proposed Service Area notice of its application and the options available to the affected landowners. In

addition, on Staff's direction, Artesian published notice of its Application in two newspapers of general circulation.

2. On July 7, 2009, Artesian amended its Application to remove three parcels of land from the Proposed Service Area (Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Numbers 130-11.00-13.00, 131-9.00-95.00, and 430-13.00-22.01). There are now thirty-six parcels of land in the Proposed Service Area.

3. The Commission Staff has completed its review and investigation of the Application and the Applicant. In a July 27, 2009 Memorandum to the Commission, Staff reports that Artesian's Application meets all requirements for the granting of a CPCN under 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.

4. 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 in PSC Docket No. 09-CPCN-19 as filed on February 13, 2009 and amended on July 7, 2009.

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

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 Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Numbers shown in Exhibit "A" of this Order.

2. That Artesian Water Company, Inc., shall comply with any and all federal, state, county, and local statutes, ordinances, orders, regulations, rules, and permit conditions that are applicable, or may become applicable, to any matter involving water utility services provided to the service territory granted by this Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

3. 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/ Katie Rochester  
Acting Secretary

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APPROVED SERVICE AREA  
PARCELS WITHIN CERTIFICATE OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.  
PSC DOCKET NO. 09-CPCN-07

SUSSEX COUNTY TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS

131-12.00-43.00	230-26.00-106.00	230-31.00-72.00
135-11.00-121.00	230-27.00-21.00	230-31.00-75.00
135-11.00-125.00	230-26.00-108.00	230-31.00-77.00
230-19.00-31.08	230-27.00-29.00	230-31.00-79.00
230-26.00-08.08	230-27.00-34.00	230-31.00-93.00
230-26.00-18.00	230-27.00-69.02	230-31.00-127.00
230-26.00-18.01	230-31.00-37.00	230-31.00-161.00
230-26.00-29.00	230-31.00-40.00	235-24.00-114.00
230-26.00-32.00	230-31.00-45.00	235-24.00-116.00
230-26.00-36.00	230-31.00-53.00	235-24.00-122.00
230-26.00-40.00	230-31.00-67.00	235-12.00-08.00
230-26.00-77.00	230-31.00-68.00	531-03.00-09.00