

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	PSC DOCKET NO. 16-0609
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER)	"SOUTHVIEW"
SERVICES PURSUANT TO 26 <i>DEL. C.</i>)	
§203C)	
(FILED APRIL 28, 2016))	

ORDER NO. 8916

AND NOW, this 12th day of July, 2016, the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2016, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. ("Tidewater") submitted an application ("Application") with the Commission pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §203C(e)(1)b. seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to expand its facilities and operations to provide water services to one parcel of land in Sussex County, Delaware, located on the northeast side of Muddy Neck Road, more specifically identified by the Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Numbers 134-16.00-386.00 and referred to as "Southview" (the "Proposed Service Area"); and

WHEREAS, the submitted application included evidence that Tidewater had mailed notice of the application and the options available to all landowners of record in the Proposed Service Area. In addition, Tidewater published notice of its application in two newspapers of general circulation. The Commission has received no comments regarding Tidewater or the Application in response to the published notice; and

WHEREAS, Staff reviewed the completed Application to ensure compliance with the statutory provisions of 26 *Del. C.* §203C and the Commission's Regulations Governing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Water Utilities, 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §2002 (the "Regulations"). Staff submitted a memorandum to the Commission dated July 5, 2016, which confirms that the completed Application meets all of the requirements for granting Tidewater a CPCN pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §203C and the Regulations. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the Company a CPCN based on the completed Application;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NO FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:

1. Pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* §203C(e), a CPCN is hereby granted to Tidewater to serve the Proposed Service Area more specifically identified by the Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Numbers 134-16.00-386.00.

2. Tidewater 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 CPCN.

3. 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:

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary