

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. FOR LANDOWNER)
NOTICE CORRESPONDENCE) DOCKET NO. 13-248
(FILED JULY 21, 2013; AND AMENDED)
OCTOBER 3, 2013))

ORDER NO. 8503

AND NOW, this 17th day of December, 2013, the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2013, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. ("Tidewater") filed an application ("Application") with the Commission seeking approval of a certain form letter (the "Proposed Letter") to be included with the landowner opt-out notice required by 26 Del. Admin. C. §2002 - 10.0 in future CPCN applications; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 26 Del. Admin. C. §2002 - 10.5, Tidewater requires Commission approval of the Proposed Letter; and

WHEREAS, Commission Staff ("Staff") reviewed and requested Tidewater make certain revisions to the Proposed Letter; and

WHEREAS, Tidewater revised the Proposed Letter as requested and Staff now recommends Commission approval of the Proposed Letter as revised.

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

1. Pursuant to *Del. Admin. C. §2002 - 10.5*, the Proposed Letter attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is approved for use by Tidewater for inclusion in the landowner op-out notice required by *26 Del. Admin. C. §2002 - 10.0*.

2. Tidewater is hereby placed on notice that the costs of the proceedings will be charged to it pursuant to *26 Del. C. §114(b)(1)*.

5. 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

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark
Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley
Secretary

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March 13, 2013

Certified Mail # «Cert_»

«FirstName1» «LastName1»

«FirstName2» «Lastname2»

«StreetNumber»

«City», «State» «Zip»

Dear «FirstName1» «LastName1» «FirstName2» «Lastname2»,

Tidewater Utilities Inc. (Tidewater) would like to thank you for the receipt of your signed petition requesting Tidewater to provide water service to your property, «ParcelID» located in Sussex County.

Tidewater will be submitting an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) with the Public Service Commission (PSC) on or about April 11, 2013. Included with this letter is information that we are required to provide to all landowners within a proposed service territory prior to filing the application for a CPCN.

When the CPCN is granted, Tidewater will have the permission to provide public water service to your parcel. It is important for you, as the landowner, to know that when water service is made available to your parcel you are not obligated to connect to our water system as long as your current water supply is functioning properly. If you agree to have your property be part of this proposed service area, no action on your part is required at this time. If you do not agree to have your property be part of this proposed service area you will need to complete the enclosed opt out/object form and send it back to the address on top of the form.

If you have any questions in regards to this matter please feel free to contact me at 1-800-523-7224 ext. 1014.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Cuccinello
CPCN Coordinator