

**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. 10-CPCN-11
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER)	("SOUTHERN NEW CASTLE
SERVICES PURSUANT TO 26 DEL. C. §203C)	COUNTY 0210 PART 3")
(FILED MARCH 31, 2010, AND AMENDED)	
MAY 4, 2011))	

ORDER NO. 7977

AND NOW, this 7th day of June, 2011:

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2010, Artesian Water Company, Inc. ("Artesian" or "Applicant") filed an application ("Application") with the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to expand its facilities and operations in order to provide water services to forty-six parcels of land in Southern New Castle County, Delaware ("Proposed Service Area"). The basis for the Application is Artesian's possession of petitions requesting water services signed by all of the owners of the parcels of land comprising the Proposed Service Area in accordance with 26 Del. C. §203C(e)(1)b.2. With its Application, Artesian filed evidence that it had sent by certified mail to 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. No comments regarding the Applicant or this Application have been received;

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2011, Artesian amended its Application to remove three parcels of land from the Proposed Service Area (New Castle County Tax Map Parcel Numbers 15-012.00-005 and 15-016.00-169). There are now forty-four parcels of land in the Proposed Service Area;

WHEREAS, the Commission Staff has completed its review and investigation of the Application and the Applicant. In a May 19, 2011, 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*, 26 Del. Admin. C. §2002 et al., and recommends approval of the Application; and

WHEREAS, 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. 10-CPCN-11 as filed on March 31, 2010, and amended on May 4, 2011.

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 New Castle County Tax Map Parcel Numbers shown in the attached 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/ Alisa Carrow Bentley
Secretary

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**APPROVED SERVICE AREA
PARCELS WITHIN CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

**ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.
PSC DOCKET NO. 10-CPCN-10**

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS

15-011.00-114	15-016.05-011
15-011.00-115	15-016.05-012
15-011.00-126	15-016.05-013
15-011.00-150	15-016.05-014
15-011.00-159	15-016.05-015
15-011.00-160	15-016.00-050
15-011.00-166	15-026.00-093
15-015.00-029	15-026.00-202
15-015.00-068	15-016.00-066
15-015.00-084	15-016.00-072
15-016.00-024	15-016.00-091
15-016.00-031	15-016.00-139
15-016.05-001	15-016.00-140
15-016.05-002	15-016.00-156
15-016.05-003	15-016.00-223
15-016.05-004	15-016.01-002
15-016.05-005	15-021.00-027
15-016.05-006	15-021.00-034
15-016.05-007	15-021.00-054
15-016.05-008	15-021.00-055
15-016.05-009	15-022.00-214
15-016.05-010	15-023.00-002