

**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. 11-CPCN-08
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER) ("SOUTHEAST SUSSEX 4411")
SERVICES PURSUANT TO 26 *DEL. C.* §203C)
(FILED MAY 4, 2011))

ORDER NO. 8027

AND NOW, this 6th day of September, 2011:

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2011, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. ("Tidewater" or "Applicant") filed an application ("Application") with the Delaware 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 three parcels of land in Delmar and one parcel of land east of Seaford, Sussex County, Delaware ("Proposed Service Area"). The basis for the Application is Tidewater's possession of petitions requesting water services signed by all of the landowners of record of each parcel or property to be encompassed within the Proposed Service Area in accordance with 26 *Del. C.* §203C(e)(1)b. With its Application, Tidewater filed evidence that it had mailed to the record landowners in the Proposed Service Area notice of its Application and the options available to the affected landowners. In addition, on Staff's direction, Tidewater published notice of its Application in two newspapers of general circulation. No comments regarding the Applicant or this Application have been received; and

WHEREAS, the Commission Staff has completed its review and investigation of the Application and the Applicant, and, in an August 22, 2011, Memorandum to the Commission, reports that Tidewater'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, and recommends approval of the Application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF
NO 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 Tidewater Utilities, Inc. to serve the area more specifically identified by Sussex County Tax Map Parcel Numbers 532-13.00-80.00, 532-13.00-81.00, 532-20.00-83.00, and 132-2.00-18.00.

2. That Tidewater Utilities, 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/ William O'Brien
Executive Director