

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. FOR A)
GENERAL RATE INCREASE IN WATER BASE) PSC DOCKET NO. 11-397
RATES AND TARIFF REVISIONS)
(FILED SEPTEMBER 15, 2011))

ORDER NO. 8126

AND NOW, this 20th day of March, 2012:

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2011, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. ("Tidewater" or the "Company") filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") an application (the "Application") seeking approval of: (a) a general increase in its water base rates; and (b) miscellaneous tariff revisions; and

WHEREAS, due to certain personnel changes affecting the Deputies Attorney General assigned to the Commission, which changes became effective on March 12, 2012, the Commission now wishes to assign outside counsel to the above-captioned proceeding; and

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

1. That James McC. Geddes is designated as Rate Counsel in this matter.

2. 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:

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