

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION)
OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. AND)
SLAUGHTER BEACH WATER COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL PURSUANT TO 26 *DEL. C.*) PSC DOCKET NO. 18-0178
§ 215 OF AN ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT)
(FILED MARCH 19, 2018))

ORDER NO. 9201

**GRANTING SALE AND TRANSFER OF ASSETS BY SLAUGHTER BEACH WATER
COMPANY TO ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC. TO OPERATE EXISTING WATER
PUBLIC UTILITY**

AND NOW, this 27th day of March, 2018, the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, the owners of Slaughter Beach Water Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation and Delaware regulated utility ("Slaughter Beach") have expressed an interest in no longer being in the public water utility business; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to have an experienced public water utility assume responsibility for the service territory currently served by Slaughter Beach if Slaughter Beach will no longer be a public water utility; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2018, Artesian Water Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation and Delaware regulated utility, ("Artesian") and Slaughter Beach (together, the "Applicants"), filed a joint Application with the Commission requesting the Commission to approve the sale and transfer by Slaughter Beach to Artesian of

Slaughter Beach's public utility and other assets and authorizing Artesian to provide water services to all of Slaughter Beach's existing customers located in the Town of Slaughter Beach, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Service Area being purchased by Artesian is currently Slaughter Beach's certificated water service territory; and

WHEREAS, Staff notes that shortly after closing, Artesian will send notification letters explaining the change in water service provider and how it will affect customers. Service will continue to be provided to customers with no immediate change in rates or terms and condition of service. Before becoming subject to Artesian's rates and terms of service, new meters will need to be installed for all customers. The cost of the installation will be paid by Artesian. Once the installation is complete, Artesian will make an application with the Commission for a change to Artesian's rates and terms of service as approved by the Commission;

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

1. Pursuant to 26 Del. C. §215(d), the Commission hereby approves, as of March 27, 2018, the proposed sale and transfer of substantially all of the assets of Slaughter Beach to Artesian. In so ruling, the Commission hereby determines that the sale is in accordance with law, for a proper purpose, and consistent with the public interest. A drawing reflecting the proposed service territory that Slaughter Beach shall relinquish and for which

Artesian shall hereafter provide service is attached as **Exhibit "A."**

2. That the sale and transfer of assets from Slaughter Beach to Artesian shall be completed within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, including but not limited to the transfer of title to the facilities, plant, equipment and land, through proper deed(s) and contracts.

3. Artesian 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.

4. The Commission's approval herein does not approve or authorize any particular ratemaking treatment of the acquisition price or the assets acquired. The Commission will determine the appropriate ratemaking treatment of the acquisition price and the assets acquired in Artesian's next base rate case.

5. Artesian shall file an application with the Commission before changing over the rates charged and terms of service applied to ratepayers in the Slaughter Beach service territory from those currently charged to those established by Artesian's Commission-approved Tariff.

6. 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

E X H I B I T "A"

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

**ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.
PSC DOCKET NO. 18-0178**

SUSSEX COUNTY TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS

230-4.00-26.00	230-1.00-171.00	230-1.00-144.00
230-4.00-25.00	230-1.00-170.00	230-1.00-143.00
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