

**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 AND NECESSITY TO) PSC DOCKET NO. 20-0428
PROVIDE WATER SERVICE PURSUANT)
TO 26 DEL. C. § 203C (“OLDCHURCH15.00,)
CENTRAL25.00, DAISEY133.00,)
BAYARD137.00, & ZION82.00”))
(FILED JULY 2, 2020)

ORDER NO. 9637

AND NOW, this 19th day of August 2020, the Delaware Public Service Commission (“Commission”) determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, Artesian Water Company, Inc. (“Artesian”) filed an application (“Application”), pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 203(C)(e)(1)b.2, with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) to provide water services to five parcels of land in Sussex County, Delaware, more specifically identified as Tax Map Parcel Nos. 134-19.00-15.00, 134-19.00-25.00, 533-6.00-133.00, 533-6.00-137.00, and 533-11.00-82.00 and referred to as “Oldchurch15.00, Central25.00, Daisey133.00, Bayard137.00 & Zion82.00” (the “Proposed Service Area”); and

WHEREAS, Commission Staff (“Staff”) reviewed the Application to ensure compliance with the statutory provisions of 26 *Del. C.* § 203C and 26 *Del. Admin. C.* § 2002, the Commission’s “Regulations Governing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Water Utilities” (the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, Staff notes that the Application included evidence that Artesian had mailed to the landowners of record in the Proposed Service Area a notice regarding the Application and

the options available to the landowners of record. In addition, Artesian provided evidence via affidavits of publication to show that it had published notice of the Application in two newspapers of general circulation. Finally, to determine whether the Commission should deny the requested CPCN as set forth in 26 *Del. C.* § 203C(f), Staff solicited comments from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (“DNREC”), the Office of the State Fire Marshal (“SFM”), and the Office of Drinking Water of the Division of Public Health (“ODW”). DNREC, SFM, and ODW responded and confirmed they have no issues relating to Artesian’s ability to provide safe, adequate, and reliable water services to its existing customers. Staff also notes that it has received no other comments regarding Artesian or the Application, and no landowners of record included in the Proposed Service Area have objected to the Application or elected to “opt-out” of the Proposed Service Area; and

WHEREAS, Staff has submitted to the Commission a memorandum, which the Commission incorporates herein by reference, confirming the Application meets all of the requirements for granting Artesian a CPCN for water services pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 203C and the Regulations. No errors or omissions were found. Accordingly, Staff has recommended that the Commission approve the Application;

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

1. Pursuant to 26 *Del. C.* § 203C, the Commission grants Artesian a CPCN to provide water services to the Proposed Service Area identified as Tax Map Parcel Nos. 134-19.00-15.00, 134-19.00-25.00, 533-6.00-133.00, 533-6.00-137.00, and 533-11.00-82.00.
2. 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 granted by this CPCN.

3. 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:

Dallas Winslow, Chairman

Joanne Conaway, Commissioner

Harold Gray, Commissioner

Manubhai "Mike" Karia, Commissioner

Kim F. Drexler, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Donna Nickerson, Secretary