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STATE OF DELAWARE )  
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COUNTY OF Kent )

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, personally came before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, Kirsten Higgins as the Vice President of Tidewater Utilities, Inc., known to me personally to be such or having presented to me satisfactory evidence of identity, and acknowledged this document to be her act and deed and the act and deed of such Vice President, that the signature of such individual is in her own proper handwriting, and that the facts set forth in this CPCN application are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief.

Kirsten Higgins  
Signature of individual  
Printed Name: Kirsten Higgins

**SIGNED AND SWORN (OR AFFIRMED)** before me on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, by Karen Elaine McTaggart

Karen Elaine McTaggart  
Signature of Delaware Notarial Officer

**SEAL**

Notary Public  
Title (e.g., Notary Public)

KAREN ELAINE MCTAGGART  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF DELAWARE  
My Commission Expires September 18, 2026

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICES PURSUANT TO 26 DEL. C. §203C (FILED MAY 6, 2026)	) ) ) ) )	PSC DOCKET 26-0513  ("Sussex 040626")
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On May 6, 2026 Tidewater Utilities, Inc., filed an application with the Delaware Public Service Commission ("PSC") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to provide water services to the following parcels: (1) 133-24.00-1.06 - is a parcel located on the south side of Laurel Rd. and is located about 825 feet from the intersection of Laurel Rd. and Cowhouse Branch Rd. (2) 333-4.00-17.00 is a parcel located on the east side of Cowhouse Branch Rd. and is located about 3,360 feet from the intersection of Cowhouse Branch Rd. and Cayuga Dr. (3) 532-8.00-6.05 - is a parcel located on the east side of Brittingham Rd. and is located about 365 feet from the intersection of Brittingham Rd. and Whiteville Rd. (4) 532-16.00-7.01 – is a parcel located on the west side of Whaleys Rd. and is located about 1,565 feet from the intersection of Whaleys Rd. and Arvey Rd. (5) 533-22.00-15.02 – is a parcel located on the south side of Pepperbox Rd. and is located about 1,090 feet from the intersection of Pepperbox Rd. and Elliots Ln. The basis for the application is Tidewater Utilities, Inc. possession of a petition requesting water services signed by all of the landowners in the proposed service area as set forth in 26 Del. C. §203C(e)(1)b.

The PSC is investigating this matter to the extent deemed necessary to determine whether the CPCN should be granted. An evidentiary hearing on this application will not be held unless there is a meritorious request received within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice. A meritorious request is deemed to be one which sets forth reasonable grounds why a public hearing would be appropriate or would be in the public interest.

Pursuant to current law, property owners within the proposed CPCN service area may file an objection to the issuance of a CPCN to Tidewater Utilities, Inc. and may also choose to "opt-out" of inclusion in the proposed service area. Written notice of such objection or a decision to "opt-out" of inclusion in the proposed service area must be sent to the Delaware Public Service Commission at the following address within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice.

The Commission's mailing address is:

Public Service Commission  
861 Silver Lake Blvd., Cannon Bldg.  
Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904

Attention: PSC Docket No. 26-0513 – Sussex 040626

Copies of Tidewater Utilities, Inc. application in this matter are available for public inspection at the Commission's Dover office at the address noted above during normal business hours, or from the Commission's website at <https://depssc.delaware.gov>.

Any individual with a disability, who wishes to participate in these proceedings, or to review the application, should contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such review or participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, telephonically, by use of the Telecommunications Relay Service, or otherwise. Persons with questions concerning this matter may contact the Commission

at its toll-free number (within Delaware) 1-800-282-8574, by Text Telephone ("TT"), by regular telephone at (302) 736-7500, or by e-mail to [psc@delaware.gov](mailto:psc@delaware.gov).