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Via DelaFile
July 16, 2019

Donna L. Nickerson, Secretary
Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
Cannon Building, Suite 100
Dover, Delaware 19904

RE: CPCN Abandonment: 09-CPCN-07

Dear Ms. Nickerson:

The Artesian Water Company, Inc. ("AWC") requests the authority to abandon the responsibility to provide water service to certain tax parcels located in the area commonly known as the Town of Ellendale ("Town"). AWC intends to abandon its water Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN"), with all of the rights and obligations under current law for the following tax parcel numbers as described in Order 7624, Docket No. 09-CPCN-07 which was granted on August 18, 2009:

Tax Parcel Nos.:	230-26.00-29.00	230-31.00-67.00	230-31.00-79.00
	230-31.00-37.00	230-31.00-68.00	230-31.00-93.00
	230-31.00-40.00	230-31.00-72.00	230-31.00-127.00
	230-31.00-45.00	230-31.00-75.00	230-31.00-161.00
	230-31.00-53.00	230-31.00-77.00	

AWC is only seeking to abandon the tax parcels referenced above. All remaining tax parcels included in Order 7624 will remain in the Company's certificated water service territory. Attached as Exhibit A is a map showing the parcels to be abandoned.

Subsequent to the CPCN being granted in Docket No. 09-CPCN-07, tax parcel #'s 230-31.00-40.00 and 53.00 were combined with other parcels. Tax parcel # 230-31.00-40.00 was combined with parcel # 230-31.00-40.05 which was certificated in Docket No. 09-CPCN-33. Tax parcel #230-31.00-53.00 was combined with uncertificated tax parcel #230-31.00-55.00. The combining associated with tax parcels 230-31.00-40.00 and 53.00 causes the tax map included in Exhibit A to show partial CPCN's. Artesian's abandonment request reflects only the portion of both properties originally certificated in Docket No 09-CPCN-07. Attached as Exhibit B are the Sussex County property records reflecting the parcel number changes.

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AWC believes the abandonment is reasonable for the following reasons: (1) AWC does not currently provide water service to any of the tax parcels to be abandoned; (2) The abandonment is necessary because Sussex County ("County") passed Resolution No. R 015 18 establishing the Ellendale Water District ("Water District") so that the County could take the necessary steps to provide safe reliable drinking water to Town residents (See Exhibit C); (3) AWC and the Town entered into a Water Service Agreement ("Agreement") where AWC will sell water to County so that it can in turn provide water service to the Town (See Exhibit D); (4) As part of the Agreement, AWC agreed to abandon certain tax parcels so the County could obtain the CPCN rights for the Water District; (5) The abandonment will not be unduly disruptive to the present convenience and necessity because no existing AWC customers are located within the tax parcels to be abandoned.

On April 5, 2019 the County notified Town residents of the Water District Resolution and that the County would file an application with the Delaware Public Service Commission seeking the CPCN rights for properties located in the newly formed Water District. Attached as Exhibit E is copy of the notification that was delivered via certified mail to Water District residents.

Based on the information provided above, Artesian Water Company, Inc. requests expedited treatment for abandoning the listed tax parcels from its CPCN so that Sussex County can move forward with its CPCN application and begin to provide water service to the Town of Ellendale residents. If you should have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Stephan at 302-453-6986.

Respectfully Submitted,

David B. Spacht,
Artesian Water Company, Inc.
Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

AFFIDAVIT OF GENERAL COMPLIANCE

I, David B. Spacht, being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, deposes and states as follows:

1. He is the CFO and Treasurer of Artesian Water Company, Inc.;

2. That he is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said applicant;

3. That the applicant herein certifies to the Public Service Commission ("PSC") under penalty of perjury that:

a. The applicant agrees to comply with and be subject to the jurisdiction of the PSC of the State of Delaware for the purposes set forth in 26 *Del. C.* §§ 114(b) and (c), 205(a), 207, 212, and 217 and any other applicable Delaware Code sections and Regulations.

b. The Affiant further certifies that he has personally examined and is familiar with all information contained in the foregoing application, including any attachments and appendices, and further certifies that such information is true, correct, and complete.

Signature of Affiant

DAVID B SPACHT
Printed name of Affiant

State of Delaware)
) **ss.**
County of New Castle)

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 16th day of July, 2019, by David B. Spacht as CFO and Treasurer of Artesian Water Company, Inc.

ROBIN E. THOMPSON
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES March 14, 2020
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF DELAWARE

Robin E Thompson (SEAL)
Signature of Notarial Official

NOTARY PUBLIC
(Title and rank)

My commission expires: March 14, 2020