### **DOCKET NO. D-2002-034 CP-3**

### **DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

Artesian Water Company, Inc.
Groundwater Withdrawal and Importation Project
New Castle County, Delaware
New Garden Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania

## **PROCEEDINGS**

This docket is issued in response to an Application submitted by Ground Water Associates, LLC on behalf of Artesian Water Company, Inc. (AWC) to the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC or Commission) on September 5, 2014 for renewal of an allocation of groundwater and review of a groundwater withdrawal project and importation project (Application). The project wells located within the State of Delaware were approved by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) as follows:

WELL FIELD	DNREC PERMIT NO.	DNREC EFFECTIVE DATE
Airport Industrial Park	89-0010R	September 1, 1989
Artisans Village	94-0010M2	August 10, 1995
Caravel Farms	94-0011	August 8, 1994
Castle Hills	90-0015M1	February 25, 1994
Collins Park	94-0012	August 1, 1994
Fairwinds	95-0005M	April 20, 1995
Glendale (Potomac)	94-0013B	January 20, 1995
Glendale (Columbia)	94-0013A	January 20, 1995
Hockessin	75-WS-1	October 8, 1975
Jefferson Farms	90-0016	February 25, 1994
Llangollen	95-0004M	October 15, 1998
Middle Run	01-0006M	April 3, 2001
Midvale	90-0017	February 25, 1994
Wilmington Manor Gardens	90-0018M	February 25, 1994
Wilmington Airport	94-0014M	August 15, 1994
Chesapeake City Road	05-0010	December 30, 2005
Brennan Farm	05-0009	December 30, 2005
Eastern States	89-0011R	February 25, 1994
Old County Road	95-0011M2	May 4, 2012

The Application was reviewed for continuation in the Comprehensive Plan and for approval under Section 3.8 of the *Delaware River Basin Compact*. The New Castle County Planning Department and the Chester County Planning Commission have been notified of pending action on this docket. A public hearing on this project was held by the DRBC on March 10, 2015.

## A. <u>DESCRIPTION</u>

1. Purpose. The purpose of this project is to renew the approval of an existing import project of up to 3.0 million gallons per day (mgd) from the Chesapeake Bay Basin (CBB) from the Old County Road, Chesapeake City Road/Brennan Estates and Eastern States well fields, and up to 3.0 mgd from the Susquehanna River Basin (SRB) from an interconnection with Chester Water Authority (CWA) to augment water supply to the docket holder's public water supply system in the Delaware River Basin (DRB). AWC also applied for new Well Broad Run PA for inclusion in the AWC public water supply system and to renew the approval of up to 612.83 mgm to the docket holder's public water supply distribution system. The Broad Run PA well will be considered for approval at a future Commission hearing and meeting. AWC is not requesting an increase in its system groundwater withdrawal allocation.

# **Location.** The project wells are located as follows:

WELL NO.	TOWNSHIP, STATE	WATERSHED	GEOLOGIC FORMATION
Airport Industrial Park Well No. 1	New Castle County, Delaware	Army Creek – Delaware River	Potomac
Airport Industrial Park Well No. 2	New Castle County, Delaware	Army Creek – Delaware River	Potomac
Artisan's Village Well No. 1	New Castle County, Delaware	Army Creek – Delaware River	Upper Potomac
Artisan's Village	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. 2	Delaware	Delaware River	
Artisan's Village	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. 3	Delaware	Delaware River	
Artisan's Village	New Castle County,	Red Lion Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. 4	Delaware	Delaware River	
Caravel Farms Well No. 1	New Castle County, Delaware	Muddy Run	Upper Potomac
Castle Hills	New Castle County,	Broad Duke Canal-	Columbia - Potomac
Well No. 2	Delaware	Delaware River	
Castle Hills	New Castle County,	Broad Duke Canal –	Upper Potomac
Well No. 4	Delaware	Delaware River	
Castle Hills	New Castle County,	Broad Duke Canal –	Columbia
Well No. 5	Delaware	Delaware River	
Collins Park Well No. 1	New Castle County, Delaware	Lower Christina River	Potomac

WELL NO.	TOWNSHIP, STATE	WATERSHED	GEOLOGIC FORMATION
Fairwinds	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Llan on Dotomoo
Well No. 2	Delaware	Delaware River	Upper Potomac
Fairwinds	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. 4R	Delaware	Delaware River	Opper Potomac
Fairwinds	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. 5	Delaware	Delaware River	Opper Fotomac
Fairwinds	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. 6	Delaware	Delaware River	Opper i otomac
Fairwinds	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Lower Potomac
Well ASR	Delaware	Delaware River	Lower Folomac
Glendale	New Castle County,	Red Lion Creek –	Columbia
Well No. 2	Delaware	Delaware River	Columbia
Glendale	New Castle County,	Red Lion Creek -	Columbia
Well No. 4R	Delaware	Delaware River	Columbia
Glendale	New Castle County,	Middle Christina	Potomac
Well No. 5	Delaware	River	1 Otomac
Glendale	New Castle County,	Middle Christina	Potomac
Well No. 6	Delaware	River	Potomac
Glendale	New Castle County,	Red Lion Creek –	Potomac
Well No. 7	Delaware	Delaware River	Potomac
Hockessin	New Castle County,	Lower White Clay	Cockeysville
Well No. 1	Delaware	Creek	Cockeysville
Hockessin	New Castle County,	Lower White Clay	Cockeysville
Well No. 2	Delaware	Creek	Cockeysville
Hockessin	New Castle County,	Lower White Clay	Cockeysville
Well No. 3	Delaware	Creek	Cockeysville
Hockessin	New Castle County,	Lower White Clay	Cockeysville
Well No. 4	Delaware	Creek	Cockeysville
Hockessin	New Castle County,	Lower White Clay	Cockeysville
Well No. G-1	Delaware	Creek	Cockeysvine
Hockessin	New Castle County,	Lower White Clay	Cockeysville
Well No. G-3	Delaware	Creek	
Brennan Estates	New Castle County,	C&D Canal West –	
Well No. 1R	Delaware	Back Creek	Lower Potomac
(Out of Basin)			
Brennan Estates	New Castle County,	C&D Canal West –	Lower Potomac
Well No. 2R	Delaware	3 /	
(Out of Basin)			
Eastern States	New Castle County,	11	D-4-
Well No. 1	Delaware	Upper Elk River	Potomac
(Out of Basin)	Novy Coatla Caveta	Hanne Elle Diesen	Dotomos
Eastern States	New Castle County,	Upper Elk River	Potomac

WELL NO.	TOWNSHIP, STATE	WATERSHED	GEOLOGIC FORMATION
Well No. 2 (Out of Basin)	Delaware		
Old County Road Well No. 1 (Out of Basin)	New Castle County, Delaware	C&D Canal West – Back Creek	Lower Potomac
Old County Road Well No. 2 (Out of Basin)	New Castle County, Delaware	C&D Canal West – Back Creek	Lower Potomac
Chesapeake City Road Well No. 1 (Out of Basin)	New Castle County, Delaware	Buck Run	Magothy
Chesapeake City Road Well No. 2 (Out of Basin)	New Castle County, Delaware	C&D Canal West – Back Creek	Upper Potomac
Chesapeake City Road Well No. 3 (Out of Basin)	New Castle County, Delaware	C&D Canal West – Back Creek	Lower Potomac
Llangollen	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. 2	Delaware	Delaware River	
Llangollen	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. 6	Delaware	Delaware River	
Llangollen	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. 7	Delaware	Delaware River	
Llangollen	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. G-3R	Delaware	Delaware River	
Llangollen	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Upper Potomac
Well No. ASR	Delaware	Delaware River	
Middle Run	New Castle County,	Upper White Clay	Cockeysville
Well No. 1	Delaware	Creek	
Middle Run	New Castle County,	Upper White Clay	Cockeysville
Well No. 2	Delaware	Creek	
Midvale	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Columbia
Well No. 1	Delaware	Delaware River	
Midvale	New Castle County,	Army Creek –	Columbia
Well No. 2	Delaware	Delaware River	
Wilmington Manor	New Castle County,	Broad Duke Canal –	Columbia
Gardens Well No. 1	Delaware	Delaware River	
Wilmington Manor	New Castle County,	Broad Duke Canal –	Columbia
Gardens Well No. 3	Delaware	Delaware River	
Wilmington Airport Well No. 1	New Castle County, Delaware	Lower Christina River	Potomac

WELL NO.	TOWNSHIP, STATE	WATERSHED	GEOLOGIC FORMATION	
Wilmington Airport	New Castle County,	Lower Christina	Potomac	
Well No. 2	Delaware	River	1 Otomac	
Wilmington Airport	New Castle County,	Lower Christina	Dotomoo	
Well No. 3	Delaware	River	Potomac	
Jefferson Farms	New Castle County,	Broad Duke Canal –	Datama	
Well No. 1R	Delaware	Delaware River	Potomac	
Jefferson Farms	New Castle County,	Broad Duke Canal –	Potomac	
Well No. 2R	Delaware	Delaware River		

Specific location information has been withheld for security reasons.

3. Area Served. The docket holder's water distribution system serves most of northern New Castle County, Delaware. AWC currently provides water to 38 customers in New Garden Township, Pennsylvania with an expected 200 additional customers over the next ten years. AWC has submitted an application to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PA PUC) to increase their service area into New Garden Township, Pennsylvania. The service area is outlined on a map entitled "Sources of Supply and Interconnections in Exhibit B" submitted with the Application. For the purpose of defining Area Served, the Application is incorporated herein by reference consistent with conditions contained in the DECISION section of this docket.

### 4. **Physical features.**

- **a.** <u>Design criteria.</u> The AWC system currently serves an estimated population of 171,810 through 66,081 service connections, 2,441 commercial, 11 industrial, 50 irrigation connections with an average and maximum water demand of 14.349 million gallons per day (mgd) and 18.1 mgd, respectively. The docket holder projects an average and maximum water demand of 15.284 mgd and 19.77 mgd, respectively, by the year 2025.
  - **b. Facilities.** The project wells have the following characteristics:

WELL NO.	DEPTH (FEET)	CASED DEPTH/ CASING DIAMETER	PUMP CAPACITY (GPM)	YEAR DRILLED
Airport Industrial Park Well No. 1	126	100'/10"	250	1982
Airport Industrial Park Well No. 2	130	103'/10"	250	1983
Artisan's Village Well No. 1	215	155'/12"	1,100	1979
Artisan's Village Well No. 2	225	125'/12''	300	1980

WELL NO.	DEPTH (FEET)	CASED DEPTH/ CASING DIAMETER	PUMP CAPACITY (GPM)	YEAR DRILLED
Artisan's Village Well No. 3	189	129'/12''	700	1995
Artisan's Village Well No. 4	161	117'/10''	150	2001
Caravel Farms Well No. 1	117	65'/10"	250	1977
Castle Hills Well No. 2	106	56'/ 17''	250	1958
Castle Hills Well No. 4	109	99.5'/12"	600	2011
Castle Hills Well No. 5	78	58'/12"	450	2011
Collins Park Well No. 1	135	108'/10''	400	1978
Fairwinds Well No. 2	145	124'/10''	370	1964
Fairwinds Well No. 4R	148	100'/10"	350	1979
Fairwinds Well No. 5	164	80'/10"	400	1965
Fairwinds Well No. 6	146	100'/10"	225	1965
Fairwinds Well ASR	528	477'/14"	125	1998
Glendale Well No. 2	80	52'/17"	350	1960
Glendale Well No. 4R	95	68'/10"	100	1979
Glendale Well No. 5	140	108'/12"	275	1973
Glendale Well No. 6	140	100'/12"	225	1974
Glendale Well No. 7	73	43'/10"	400	1976
Hockessin Well No. 1	325	29'/18"	425	1964
Hockessin Well No. 2	332	65'/16"	425	1965
Hockessin Well No. 3	312	54'/16"	425	1967
Hockessin Well No. 4	292	55'/16"	700	1975

WELL NO.	DEPTH (FEET)	CASED DEPTH/ CASING DIAMETER	PUMP CAPACITY (GPM)	YEAR DRILLED
Hockessin Well No. G-1	200	127'/14"	400	1972
Hockessin Well No. G-3	305	84'/8''	300	1974
Brennan Estates Well No. 1R (Out of Basin)	460	322'/12"	900	2004
Brennan Estates Well No. 2R (Out of Basin)	567	507'/12"	750	2004
Eastern States Well No. 1 (Out of Basin)	235	160'/10''	600	1981
Eastern States Well No. 2 (Out of Basin)	265	222'/10"	300	1981
Old County Road Well No. 1 (Out of Basin)	393	320'/12''	700	1994
Old County Road Well No. 2 (Out of Basin)	475	413'/12''	1,000	1995
Chesapeake City Road Well No. 1 (Out of Basin)	152	100'/6"	50	2000
Chesapeake City Road Well No. 2 (Out of Basin)	163	150'/8''	225	1994
Chesapeake City Road Well No. 3 (Out of Basin)	640	562'/8"	550	2003
Llangollen Well No. 2	164	131'/10"	320	1976
Llangollen Well No. 6	165	108'/17"	600	1964
Llangollen Well No. 7	180	115'/12"	600	1968
Llangollen Well No. G-3R	157	98'/12"	1,220	2012
Llangollen Well No. ASR	167	129'/17"	1,000	1998

WELL NO.	DEPTH (FEET)	CASED DEPTH/ CASING DIAMETER	PUMP CAPACITY (GPM)	YEAR DRILLED
Middle Run Well No. 1	419	105'/10"	300	1999
Middle Run Well No. 2	403	107'/10"	450	2002
Midvale Well No. 1	86	59'/17''	200	1950
Midvale Well No. 2	77	54'/12"	200	1951
Wilmington Manor Gardens Well No. 1	84	38'/17"	200	1949
Wilmington Manor Gardens Well No. 3	72	48'/17"	350	1956
Wilmington Airport Well No. 1	198	187'/8"	200	1942
Wilmington Airport Well No. 2	222	211'/8"	200	1942
Wilmington Airport Well No. 3	160	132'/18''	200	1996
Jefferson Farms Well No. 1R	140	90'/12"	600	2012
Jefferson Farms Well No. 2R	102	88'/12"	600	2013

All water service connections are metered.

All wells are metered.

Prior to entering the distribution system, the water is treated by aeration, chlorination, phosphate, pH adjustment and fluoridation. Filtration, Ultraviolet Advanced Oxidation Process (UVAOP) and carbon absorption are also used at several of AWC's treatment facilities.

The project facilities are above the 100-year flood elevation.

The AWC storage facilities total 35 mg, which is approximately 2 days of supply.

The water system is presently interconnected with the following:

WATER COMPANY	INTERCONNECTION CAPACITY (MGD)	STATUS
Chester Water Authority	6.0	Regular
City of Wilmington – Taft and Cleveland	0.7	Regular
City of New Castle – School Lane	0.7	Emergency
City of New Castle – Lukens Drive	2.16	Emergency
City of Newark – Polly Drummond Hill Road	0.4	Emergency
City of Wilmington – Moorehouse Lane	0.5	Emergency
City of Wilmington – South Heald Street	1.5	Emergency
City of Wilmington – Maryland Avenue	5.0	Emergency
United Water – Red Lion Road	1.0	Emergency
United Water – First State Boulevard	1.0	Emergency
United Water – Pleasant Valley	1.0	Emergency
United Water – Newport Heights	1.0	Emergency
United Water – Churchmans Road	1.0	Emergency

- **c.** <u>Other.</u> Wastewater is conveyed to the City of Wilmington and New Castle County Delaware City sewage treatment facilities most recently approved by DRBC Dockets Nos. D-1998-026 CP on November 15, 2000 and D-1972-210 CP on June 6, 1975, respectively. DNREC issued its most recent NPDES Permits Nos. DE0020320 and DE0021555 on September 17, 2014 and January 1, 2009, respectively for these treatment facilities. The New Castle Delaware City facility has submitted an application and it is currently being reviewed by Commission staff.
  - **d.** Cost. The overall cost of the proposed well is estimated to be \$585,000.
- Relationship to the Comprehensive Plan. The AWC's project wells were previously included in the Comprehensive Plan by the Commission in Docket Nos. D-1965-027 CP approved on April 28, 1965, D-1968-069 CP approved on May 22, 1968, D-1969-045 CP approved on May 28, 1969, D-1974-049 CP approved on September 25, 1974, D-1974-078 CP approved on September 25, 1974, D-1974-097 CP approved on June 17, 1975, D-1974-110 CP approved on September 25, 1974, D-1974-110 CP approved on September 25, 1974, D-1974-195 CP approved on December 17, 1975, D-1975-008 CP approved on April 23, 1975, D-1976-044 CP approved on June 2, 1976, D-1976-092 CP approved on September 28, 1977, D-1978-030 CP approved on May 24, 1978, D-1979-058 CP approved on April 27, 1982, D-1982-043 CP approved on November 30, 1983, D-1982-053 CP approved on April 20, 1983, D-1996-033 CP approved on December 11, 1996, D-1997-048 CP approved on August 18, 1999, D-2001-024 CP approved on September 13, 2001, D-2002-034 CP approved on September 3, 2003, D-1985-027 CP approved on May 28, 1986, D-1985-027 CP RENEWAL approved on June 19, 1991, D-1985-027 CP RENEWAL 2 approved on September 19, 1996 and D-2002-034 CP-2 approved on May 18, 2005. Issuance of this docket will continue the public water supply distribution system in the Comprehensive Plan.

### **B.** FINDINGS

The Broad Run PA well (formerly known as Well No. W-3) was previously included in the Comprehensive Plan in Docket No. D-1985-027 CP approved by the Commission on May 28, 1986. The approval of Well Broad Run PA was continued in Dockets Nos. D-1985-027 CP RENEWAL and D-1985-027 CP RENEWAL 2, approved on June 19, 1991 and September 19, 1996, respectively. The project well was approved to provide a source of water to supply the Wilkinson Farm Water Supply Project to serve an existing farm operation and 120 existing and proposed residential dwellings. The Broad Run PA well had an approved allocation of 24.0 million gallons per 30 days in its previous approvals.

The Broad Run PA well was previously approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PADER) on March 18, 1986 (Permit No. 1585502).

## **Groundwater and Surface Water Importation**

The AWC water system is presently interconnected with the Chester Water Authority system which provides up to 3.0 mgd of water to the AWC system in New Castle County, Delaware from two surface water intakes in the SRB. CWA has a surface water intake on the Susquehanna River and on a reservoir on Octoraro Creek. The withdrawal and exportation of surface water from the SRB to the Chester Water Authority was approved by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) in Docket No. 19961104 on November 26, 1996. DRBC approved the importation of the water from the SRB into the DRBC via dockets issued to Chester Water Authority (Nos. D-1969-060 as amended by Docket 1984-55 CP). Groundwater is also imported into the DRB from three AWC well fields (Old County Road, Chesapeake City Road/Brennan Estates and Eastern States) in the CBB which provide up to 3.0 mgd. The continued importation of water to the DRB from sources outside of the DRB reduces reliance on in-basin sources. No other significant benefit or impairment has incurred to the basin from the ongoing importation of water from the CWA surface water intakes or the AWC wells located in the SRB and CBB, respectively.

### 72-Hour Pumping Test of the Broad Run PA Well

On April 1 through April 4, 2014, a 72-hour continuous-rate pumping test was conducted to assess withdrawal capabilities of the Broad Run PA well. The constant rate pumping test was also conducted to assess the underlying aquifer characteristics and potential impacts to the local hydrologic system. The average pumping rate of the test on the Broad Run PA well was approximately 200 gallons per minute (gpm). Discharge from the pumping well was directed to Broad Run approximately 280 feet downstream of the Broad Run stilling gauge, outside of the estimated area where recharge effects might be expected. The Broad Run PA well was pumped for a total period of 4,350 minutes.

Groundwater response monitoring was conducted in the pumping well (Broad Run PA well), seven (7) monitoring wells (monitored with continuous dataloggers), two (2) piezometers (monitored with continuous dataloggers) and the Broad Run stilling gauge (monitored with a continuous datalogger). Monitoring wells ranged in distance to the pumping well from

approximately 325 feet (976 Broad Run Road) to approximately 1,635 feet (12 White Creek Drive). Piezometers PZ-1 and PZ-2 were located approximately 258 feet and 278 feet, respectively, from the pumping well and the Broad Run stilling gauge was located 310 feet from the pumping well.

Prior to the start of the pumping test, the Broad Run PA well had a static water level of 11.97 feet below top of casing (btoc). Maximum drawdown observed at the pumping well, after approximately 72.5 hours of pumping at a rate of 200 gpm, was 6.78 feet (water level of 18.75 feet btoc). Drawdown as a result of pumping was observed in one (1) monitoring well, Well 976 Broad Run Road which had a drawdown of 0.3 feet. Piezometers PZ-1 and PZ-2 also were affected by the pumping at the pumping well; they exhibited 1.4 feet and 1.55 feet of drawdown, respectively. Drawdown as a result of the withdrawals from the Broad Run PA well were not discernable in the other monitoring wells or the Broad Run stilling gauge.

The observed drawdown was used to calculate aquifer parameters to characterize the underlying aquifer. The transmissivity values for the Broad Run PA well test data was 12,600 ft²/day (Aqtesolve Cooper-Jacob time versus drawdown), 11,200 ft²/day (Aqtesolve Theis loglog time versus drawdown), 11,760 ft²/day (distance versus drawdown) and 10,800 ft²/day (recovery data) at the test rate of 200 gpm. A Storativity of 7.9 x  $10^{-4}$  was calculated from the drawdown data observed at monitoring well 976 Broad Run Road monitored during the pumping test. The storage coefficient is indicative of confined conditions.

The DRBC has reviewed the hydrogeological report for the Broad Run PA well pumping test. No adverse impacts are expected to occur to the local hydrologic system due to pumping from the Broad Run PA well.

A long-term pumping test (96 hours in duration) was previously conducted on the Broad Run PA well on December 6 through 11, 1984 at a rate up to 690 gpm. Ten (10) feet of drawdown occurred in the well as a result of pumping. The initial pumping rate was 270 gpm; the rate was systematically stepped up until a final withdrawal rate of 690 gpm was achieved 45 hours into the test. The pumping rate was held constant at 690 gpm for the remaining 51 hours of the pumping test. Four (4) observation wells (Wells WW-3, W-1, W-6 and W-8) were monitored during the long-term pumping test. Observation Wells WW-3 and W-8 were located northeast and Wells W-1 and W-6 were located to the southwest of the pumping well. No discernable drawdown was observed in the four (4) wells which were monitored during the long-term pumping test. This pumping test was conducted for the previous Broad Run PA well Commission approval (D-1985-027 CP on May 28, 1986).

Commission staff reviewed comments submitted by the Chester County Water Resources Authority (CCWRA), the National Park Service (NPS), the White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic River Program (WCCWSRP), J. Denis Newbold, Ph.D, and Save Our Water, including a response report from their consultant, Brickhouse Environmental. AWC and their consultant, Ground Water Associates, LLC also provided a response to concerns expressed in the Brickhouse Environmental report which staff also reviewed. The commenters expressed concerns regarding unresolved zoning and ordinance issues in New Garden Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, a pending Public Utilities Commission service area expansion

application, water need justification, the rate of withdrawal AWC is requesting from the Broad Run PA well and whether pumping of the well would affect low flow in Broad Run a tributary to White Clay Creek, a Federally designated Wild and Scenic River, and groundwater leaving Pennsylvania to be used to supply water in the State of Delaware. Additional concerns were expressed regarding interpretation of the data presented in the hydrogeologic report for the pumping test of the Broad Run PA well, including whether the well was completed in a confined or unconfined aquifer and impacts of the withdrawal on Broad Run's in-stream biota.

Commission staff have determined that while the Broad Run PA well pumping test did not indicate that adverse impacts to the local hydrologic system would occur as a result of pumping and that the test satisfied all DRBC requirements, a groundwater/surface water monitoring program will be implemented to confirm there will not be any adverse impacts to the Broad Run hydrologic system. A groundwater/surface water monitoring program must be submitted to the Commission within 90 days from the approval date of this docket (June 11, 2015), for approval by the Commission at a future Commission hearing and meeting as described in condition C.II.1. The Broad Run PA well will be considered for approval at a future Commission hearing and meeting including the groundwater/surface water monitoring program.

## Water Audits for Public Water Supply Systems Serving Greater than 100,000 gpd

Section 2.1.8 of the Water Code states that it is the policy of the Commission to establish a standardized water audit methodology for owners of water supply systems serving the public to ensure accountability in the management of water resources. Voluntary Water Audits were encouraged for public water supply systems through December 31, 2011 (Section 2.1.8.B.). Effective January 1, 2012, the owners of each public water supply system are required to implement an annual calendar year water audit program conforming to IWA/AWWA Water Audit Methodology (AWWA Water Loss Control Committee (WLCC) Water Audit Software) and corresponding AWWA guidance (Section 2.1.8.C). Water audits shall be submitted annually to the Commission by March 31. AWC submitted their most recent Water Audit on April 1, 2014.

The DRBC estimates that the project withdrawals, used for the purpose of public water supply, result in a consumptive use of 10 percent of the total water use. The DRBC definition of consumptive use is defined in Article 5.5.1.D of the *Administrative Manual – Part III – Basin Regulations – Water Supply Charges*.

The project does not conflict with the Comprehensive Plan and is designed to prevent substantial adverse impact on the water resources related environment, while sustaining the current and future water uses and development of the water resources of the Basin.

#### **C. DECISION**

- I. Effective on the approval date for Docket No. D-2002-034 CP-3 below:
- a. The project described in Dockets Nos. D-2002-034 CP-2 and D-1985-027 CP RENEWAL 2 are removed from the Comprehensive Plan to the extent that it is not included in Docket No. D-2002-034 CP-3; and
- b. Dockets Nos. D-2002-034 CP-2 and D-1985-027 CP RENEWAL 2 are rescinded and replaced by Docket No. D-2002-034 CP-3; and
- c. The project and the appurtenant facilities described in the Section A "Physical Features" of this docket shall be added to the Comprehensive Plan.
- II. The project as described in the Section A "Physical features" is approved pursuant to Section 3.8 of the *Compact* and is granted this withdrawal permit pursuant to Section 10.3 of the *Compact*, subject to the following conditions:
- a. Docket approval is subject to all conditions, requirements, and limitations imposed by DNREC and such conditions, requirements, and limitations are incorporated herein, unless they are less stringent than the Commission's. The wells and operational records shall be available at all times for inspection by the DRBC.
- b. The wells shall be operated at all times to comply with the requirements of the *Water Code* and *Water Quality Regulations* of the DRBC.
- c. During any month, the combined withdrawal from all well sources shall not exceed 612.83 mgm. No well shall be pumped above the maximum instantaneous rate and monthly allocation as indicated below:

WELL NO.	INSTANTANEOUS RATE (GPM)	MONTHLY ALLOCATION (MILLION GALLONS)
Airport Industrial Park Well No. 1	250	11.16
Airport Industrial Park Well No. 2	250	11.16
Artisan's Village Well No. 1	1,100	49.1
Artisan's Village Well No. 2	300	13.39
Artisan's Village Well No. 3	700	31.25
Artisan's Village Well No. 4	150	6.696

WELL NO.	INSTANTANEOUS RATE (GPM)	MONTHLY ALLOCATION (MILLION GALLONS)
Caravel Farms Well No. 1	250	11.16
Castle Hills Well No. 2	250	11.16
Castle Hills Well No. 4	600	26.78
Castle Hills Well No. 5	450	20.088
Collins Park Well No. 1	400	17.856
Fairwinds Well No. 2	370	16.517
Fairwinds Well No. 4	350	15.624
Fairwinds Well No. 5	400	17.856
Fairwinds Well No. 6	225	10.044
Fairwinds Well ASR	125	5.58
Glendale Well No. 2	350	15.624
Glendale Well No. 4R	100	4.464
Glendale Well No. 5	275	12.28
Glendale Well No. 6	225	10.044
Glendale Well No. 7	400	17.856
Hockessin Well No. 1	425	18.972
Hockessin Well No. 2	425	18.972
Hockessin Well No. 3	425	18.972
Hockessin Well No. 4	700	31.248
Hockessin Well No. G-1	400	17.856

WELL NO.	INSTANTANEOUS RATE (GPM)	MONTHLY ALLOCATION (MILLION GALLONS)
Hockessin Well No. G-3	300	13.39
Llangollen Well No. 2	320	14.285
Llangollen Well No. 6	600	26.78
Llangollen Well No. 7	600	26.78
Llangollen Well No. G-3R	1,220	54.493
Llangollen Well No. ASR	1,000	44.64
Middle Run Well No. 1	300	13.39
Middle Run Well No. 2	450	20.088
Midvale Well No. 1	200	8.928
Midvale Well No. 2	200	8.928
Wilmington Manor Gardens Well No. 1	200	8.928
Wilmington Manor Gardens Well No. 3	350	13.39
Wilmington Airport Well No. 1	200	8.928
Wilmington Airport Well No. 2	200	8.928
Wilmington Airport Well No. 3	200	8.928
Jefferson Farms Well No. 1R	600	26.78
Jefferson Farms Well No. 2R	600	26.78

d. The wells shall be equipped with readily accessible capped ports and drop pipes so that water levels may be measured under all conditions. Existing wells are to be similarly equipped, where possible, with readily accessible ports and drop pipes as repairs or modifications are made at each existing well.

- e. The project withdrawals shall be metered with an automatic continuous recording device that measures to within 5 percent of actual flow. An exception to the 5 percent performance standard, but no greater than 10 percent, may be granted if maintenance of the 5 percent performance is not technically feasible or economically practicable. A record of daily withdrawals shall be maintained, and monthly totals shall be reported annually by March 31, to DNREC and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). Withdrawal records shall be available at any time to the Commission if requested by the Executive Director.
- f. Each new water service connection shall include a water meter in accordance with the DRBC's Resolution No. 87-7 (Revised).
- g. The docket holder shall continue to implement its Water Conservation Plan as approved by DNREC and shall report to DNREC on the actions taken pursuant to this program and the impact of those actions as requested by DNREC.
- h. No water service connections shall be made to newly constructed premises with plumbing fixtures and fittings that do not comply with water conservation performance standards contained in Resolution No. 88-2 (Revision 2).
- i. The docket holder shall implement to the satisfaction of DNREC, a drought or other water supply emergency plan.
- j. In accordance with DRBC Resolutions No. 87-6 (Revised) and No. 2009-1, the docket holder shall continue to implement to the satisfaction of DNREC, the systematic program to monitor and control leakage within the water supply system. The program shall at a minimum include: periodic surveys to monitor leakage, enumerate non-revenue water and determine the current status of system infrastructure; recommendations to monitor and control leakage; and a schedule for the implementation of such recommendations. The docket holder shall proceed expeditiously to correct leakages and unnecessary usage identified by the program.
- k. In accordance with DRBC Resolution No. 2009-1 and Section 2.1.8 of the Water Code, the docket holder shall implement an annual calendar year water audit program conforming to IWA/AWWA Water Audit Methodology (AWWA Water Loss Control Committee (WLCC) Water Audit Software) and corresponding guidance. Water audits shall be submitted annually to the Commission by March 31.
- l. A groundwater/surface water monitoring program is required to obtain data on long-term groundwater and surface water conditions in the vicinity of the Broad Run PA well. Within 90 days of the approval date of this docket (June 11, 2015), a groundwater/surface water monitoring program must be submitted to the Commission for approval by the Commission at a future Commission hearing and meeting. The Broad Run PA well will be considered for approval at a future Commission Hearing and meeting including the groundwater/surface water monitoring program.
- m. No new water service connections shall be made to premises connected to sewerage systems which are not in compliance with all applicable effluent limits contained in State permits and the *Water Quality Regulations* of the Commission.

- n. The docket holder shall implement to the satisfaction of the DNREC, a continuous program to encourage water conservation in all types of use within the facilities served by this docket approval. The docket holder will report to the DNREC, on the actions taken pursuant to this program and the impact of those actions as requested by the DNREC.
- o. Nothing herein shall be construed to exempt the docket holder from obtaining all necessary permits and/or approvals from other State, Federal or local government agencies having jurisdiction over this project.
- p. The area served by this project is limited to the service area as described above. Any expansion beyond this area is subject to review in accordance with Section 3.8 of the *Compact*.
- q. Unless an extension is requested and approved by the Commission in advance, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Commission's Project Review Fee schedule (Resolution No. 2009-2), the docket holder is responsible for timely submittal of a docket renewal application on the appropriate DRBC application form at least 12 months in advance of the docket expiration date set forth below. The docket holder will be subject to late charges in the event of untimely submittal of its renewal application, whether or not DRBC issues a reminder notice in advance of the deadline or the docket holder receives such notice. In the event that a timely and complete application for renewal has been submitted and the DRBC is unable, through no fault of the docket holder, to reissue the docket before the expiration date below (or the later date established by an extension that has been timely requested and approved), the terms and conditions of the current docket will remain fully effective and enforceable against the docket holder pending the grant or denial of the application for docket approval.
- r. The issuance of this docket approval shall not create any private or proprietary rights in the water of the Basin, and the Commission reserves the right to amend, alter or rescind any actions taken hereunder in order to insure the proper control, use and management of the water resources of the Basin.
- s. The Executive Director may modify or suspend this approval or any condition thereof, or require mitigating measures pending additional review, if in the Executive Director's judgment such modification or suspension is required to protect the water resources of the Basin.
- t. For the duration of any drought emergency declared by Delaware, Pennsylvania or the Commission, water service or use by the docket holder pursuant to this approval shall be subject to the prohibition of those nonessential uses specified by the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council, DNREC or PADEP to the extent that they may be applicable, and to any other emergency resolutions or orders adopted hereafter by the Commission.
- u. Any person who objects to a docket decision by the Commission may request a hearing in accordance with Article 6 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure. In

accordance with Section 15.1(p) of the Delaware River Basin *Compact*, cases and controversies arising under the *Compact* are reviewable in the United States district courts.

BY THE COMMISSION

APPROVAL DATE: March 11, 2015

**EXPIRATION DATE:** March 11, 2025