

ORDER NO. 87475

IN THE MATTER OF THE
INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMISSION OF
THE INTENDED ABANDONMENT BY CECO
UTILITIES, INC. OF ITS FRANCHISE AND
SERVICE TO THE MANCHESTER PARK
SUBDIVISION IN CECIL COUNTY,
MARYLAND

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9310

Issue Date: April 8, 2016

On January 13, 2016, the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued Order No. 87363 that found it necessary for the Commission to examine the financial condition of CECO Utilities, Inc. (“CECO”) by requiring CECO to submit certain financial books and records for the years 2011 – 2015, associated with the sewer service facility serving Manchester Park – a subdivision located in Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland.¹ In addition, the Commission also found that the public convenience and necessity did not allow the abandonment of CECO’s franchise as of January 15, 2016, and directed CECO to continue to operate its franchise for the sewer service facility serving Manchester Park until at least April 15, 2016.²

On January 29, 2016, CECO filed with the Commission copies of its financial books and records pursuant to Order No. 87363. In addition, on January 28, 2016, CECO submitted further written comments.

¹ Order No. 87363, p. 3.

² *Id.*, pp. 3-4.

Upon its review of CECO's financial records submitted in this proceeding, the Commission's Technical Staff ("Staff") has informed the Commission that it requires additional time to complete a thorough analysis to provide the Commission with its findings. Furthermore, Staff has indicated that certain responses to Data Requests issued to CECO by the Commission Staff are outstanding. Therefore, in order to allow additional time for Staff to complete its financial review of CECO's records, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity does not allow the abandonment of CECO's franchise as of April 15, 2016.

IT IS THEREFORE, this 8th day of April in the year Two Thousand Sixteen, by the Public Service Commission,

ORDERED: (1) that the Commission Staff shall complete its financial review of CECO's records for the sewer service facility serving Manchester Park and file a report of its findings with the Commission by June 1, 2016;

(2) that CECO shall cooperate with the Commission Staff and provide responses to any outstanding data requests by April 29, 2016; and

(3) that CECO shall continue to operate its franchise for the Manchester Park sewer service facility until at least June 30, 2016.

By Direction of the Commission

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins
Executive Secretary