

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

**In the Matter of the Application of The Meadows)  
Water Company, North Suburban Public Utility )  
Company and the City of Willard, Missouri, for )  
An Order Authorizing the Sale, Transfer and )  
Assignment of Water and Sewer Assets to the )  
City of Willard and in Connection Therewith )  
Certain Other Related Transactions. )**

**Case No. WO-2007-0424**

**SEPARATE RESPONSE TO  
ORDER DIRECTING FILING DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2008  
OF THE MEADOWS AND NORTH SUBURBAN**

Come now The Meadows Water Company (The Meadows) and North Suburban Public Utility Company (North Suburban) by and through counsel, and for their response to the Commission's Order Directing Filing dated February 4, 2008 state the following to the Commission:

1. In its Order Directing Filing, the Commission expressed concerns over the extent of notice given customers, and the City of Willard's intentions as to annexation of unincorporated areas in which customers are now located.
2. The City of Willard has prepared a separate response to the Commission's Order Directing Filing in which it has addressed both of the Commission's concerns.
3. The Meadows and North Suburban add in this their separate response to the order that neither have sent to The Meadows' customers a separate notice of the proposed transaction since it was anticipated that the City would conduct the public hearing which was held on April 25, 2007, the details of which are reported by the City in its response.

4. The Meadows and North Suburban are prepared to issue to the Meadows' customers a separate notice of the transaction proposed in the application as part of the approval process, if the Commission deems it appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent via e-mail on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, to General Counsel's Office at [gencounsel@psc.mo.gov](mailto:gencounsel@psc.mo.gov); Office of Public Counsel at [opcservice@ded.mo.gov](mailto:opcservice@ded.mo.gov) ; Charles Brent Stewart at [Stewart499@aol.com](mailto:Stewart499@aol.com); Howard C. Wright, Jr., at [hwright@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:hwright@ci.springfield.mo.us) and M. Douglas Harpool at [dharpool@blmhpc.com](mailto:dharpool@blmhpc.com) .

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