BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the matter of the Application of |) | |
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| The Meadows Water Company, North |) | |
| Suburban Public Utility Company |) | |
| and the City of Willard, Missouri |) | |
| for an order authorizing the Sale, |) | Case No. WO-2007-0424 |
| Transfer and Assignment of Water and |) | |
| Sewer Assets to the City of Willard |) | |
| and in connection therewith |) | |
| certain other related transactions. |) | |
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MOTION FOR ORDER DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COME NOW The Meadows Water Company (The Meadows), North Suburban Public Utility Company (North Suburban) and the City of Willard, Missouri (collectively "the Applicants"), by and through undersigned counsel and in support of their above entitled motion state the following to the Commission:

- 1. On January 4, 2008, the City of Springfield, the only intervener in this matter, filed its notice that it did not oppose the relief requested by the Applicants and had no intention of requesting a hearing on any issue. With the filing of Springfield's notice, the application in this matter is now virtually unopposed.
- 2. Applicants have filed testimony in support of the application pursuant to the earlier approved procedural schedule in this matter. No testimony has been filed by other parties, including the Staff, since the remainder of the deadlines of the procedural schedule were suspended by the Commission at the joint request of the parties.
- 3. The filing of a staff recommendation in this case would be consistent with Commission treatment of unopposed applications.

WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission enter its order directing the Staff of the Commission to file as recommendation in this matter as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent via e-mail on this 11th day of January, 2008, to General Counsel's Office at gencounsel@psc.mo.gov; Office of Public Counsel at opsc.mo.gov; Charles Brent Stewart at Stewart499@aol.com; and Howard C. Wright, Jr., at hwright@ci.springfield.mo.us.

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