

**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

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO
STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response to Staff Recommendation states as follows:

1. On January 16, 2008, Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its Staff Recommendation. In its filing, Staff recommended that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) grant The Meadows Water Company (The Meadows) the authority to sell and transfer its assets from The Meadows to the City of Willard, Missouri (City of Willard) and grant The Meadows authority to cease providing service pursuant to these terms.
2. Staff recommended that the Commission make no ratemaking determination regarding any potential future regulatory oversight, if any.
3. Staff also recommended that the Commission require the parties to submit notice to the Commission regarding evidence of the transfer of assets to the City of Willard within three (3) business days after the transfer takes place
4. Staffs further recommended that once the transfer to the City of Willard is finally completed and notice is received, that the Commission cancel the Certificates of Convenience

and Necessity held by The Meadows and cancel the water and sewer tariffs on file for The Meadows.

5. Public Counsel has reviewed the Staff Recommendation and does not object to its recommendations to the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits that it has no objections to the Staff Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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