

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) **Case No. WO-2007-0424**
Assignment of Water and Sewer Assets to the)
City of Willard and in Connection Therewith)
Certain Other Related Transactions.)

ORDER APPROVING JOINTLY
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 7, 2007

Effective Date: August 7, 2007

On May 1, 2007, The Meadows Water Company, North Suburban Public Utility Company and the City of Willard, Missouri, filed an application with the Commission requesting authority for The Meadows to sell its water and sewer assets, and for North Suburban to sell its related real estate, to the City of Willard, Missouri. The Meadows is a water and sewer company subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

On May 23, the City of Springfield applied to intervene. The Commission granted Springfield's application on July 3.

On August 7, the parties filed a Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule. The Commission has reviewed it, finds it to be reasonable, and will adopt it. The Commission orders the following schedule and finds that the following conditions should be applied to the schedule:

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony

be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) The parties shall agree on and file a list of issues to be determined herein by the Commission. Staff shall be responsible for actually drafting and filing the list of issues and the other parties shall cooperate with Staff in the development thereof. Any issue not included in the issues list will be presumed to not require determination by the Commission.

(C) Each party shall file a list of the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called. The parties shall propose the order of cross-examination and file a joint pleading indicating the same.

(D) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the Presiding Judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.

(E) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080. The briefs to be submitted by the parties shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case. The briefs must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(F) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only one copy of the exhibit is necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been

prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to a copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

(G) All parties will provide copies of testimony, exhibits and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings.

(H) No continuance for negotiation will be granted without the submission of a Stipulation and Agreement covering those matters on which testimony was scheduled for the period of the requested continuance. No motions for continuance will be granted without a hearing unless the parties submit a unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties are directed to comply with the conditions set out in this order.
2. The following procedural schedule is adopted:

Direct Testimony, Company	September 17, 2007
Rebuttal Testimony, Staff, OPC, Intervenor	October 19, 2007
Surrebuttal Testimony, All parties	November 5, 2007
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-examination	November 13, 2007
Evidentiary Hearing	November 27-28, 2007 8:30 a.m.

The hearing will be held at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 310, Jefferson City, Missouri, a facility that meets the accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If any person needs

additional accommodations to participate in these proceedings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

3. This order shall become effective on August 7, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of August, 2007.