

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

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: January 15, 2008

Effective Date: January 15, 2008

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 Commission allowed the City of Springfield to intervene.

After the Commission had set a procedural schedule and testimony had been filed, the City of Springfield filed an Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Suspend Procedural Schedule, which the Commission granted. Then, Springfield filed a Status Report on Settlement Negotiations in which it stated settlement appeared imminent. Springfield later filed a pleading in which it stated it had resolved its dispute with the applicants, that it no longer opposed the transfer, and would not request a hearing. Springfield stated that it believed the case could be disposed of after a Staff Recommendation. On January 11, the applicants requested such a recommendation.

The Commission will order Staff to file a Recommendation.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file a Recommendation no later than January 30, 2008.
2. This order shall become effective on January 15, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.