

**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: February 4, 2008

Effective Date: February 4, 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.

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. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the transfer, and the Office of the Public Counsel did not object.

If the Commission approves the transfer, it appears that the City of Willard would be providing water service to customers outside of the city limits. The Commission is concerned about what notice, if any, customers of The Meadows received of this proposed transfer, what plans, if any, the City of Willard has to annex The Meadows' service territory,

and what recourse, if any, these customers outside of the City of Willard would have if they were dissatisfied with the rates or service the City of Willard provides to them.

The Commission will order The Meadows, North Suburban, and the City of Willard to address these concerns.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Meadows Water Company, North Suburban Public Utility Company and the City of Willard, Missouri shall file a pleading addressing the above listed concerns no later than February 19, 2008.

2. This order shall become effective on February 4, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', is written over a faint, circular official seal.

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 4th day of February, 2008.