

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

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

Issue Date: July 3, 2007

Effective Date: July 3, 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 Commission issued notice on May 3, allowing interested parties until May 23 to request intervention.

On May 23, the City of Springfield, Missouri asked to intervene. Springfield states that it owns land both within and immediately adjacent to the certificated water and sewer service area of The Meadows. Further, Springfield avers that it has a contract with the City of Willard to treat its sewage, and that a portion of The Meadows' certificated area is within the sewage treatment area covered by Springfield's contract with Willard.

On June 1, The Meadows and North Suburban filed a pleading that opposes Springfield's application. They argue that Springfield fails to allege how its interests would

be affected by the proposed sale. Also, they contend that the public interest would not be served by allowing Springfield to intervene.

Staff replied on June 20, stating that Springfield has interests different from that of the general public, has land within and adjacent to The Meadows' service territory, and has infrastructure for water and sewer utilities. Therefore, Staff believes the Commission could allow Springfield to intervene.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 governs interventions. Section (4) of that rules states that the Commission may allow a person to intervene if the proposed intervenor has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or if granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest.

The Commission finds that Springfield has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case. Springfield's interest stems from its ownership of land within and adjacent to The Meadows' service territory, its provision of water and sewer service, and its contract to treat sewage of Willard. Further, the public interest would be served by the Commission's having Springfield's position on the proposed sale.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application to Intervene filed by the City of Springfield, Missouri is granted.

2. This order shall become effective on July 3, 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 3rd day of July, 2007.