

**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 SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: October 18, 2007

Effective Date: October 18, 2007

On October 16, 2007, the City of Springfield, Missouri filed an Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Suspend Procedural Schedule. In that motion, Springfield states that the parties have been negotiating, and that additional time is needed to determine whether the parties can settle their dispute. Springfield states that all the parties agree that the best course of action is to temporarily suspend the current procedural schedule to allow more time to negotiate. Further, Springfield states that they believe they will know by early November whether they can settle, and, at that time, will be able to file a pleading indicating as much.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties ten days to respond to pleadings. However, in light of the consensus of the parties to grant the relief requested in the motion, the Commission will waive the ten-day requirement.

The Commission finds the unopposed motion reasonable, and will grant it.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Suspend Procedural Schedule filed by the City of Springfield, Missouri is granted.
2. The parties shall file a pleading indicating the status of their settlement negotiations no later than November 9, 2007.
3. This order shall become effective on October 18, 2007.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.