

**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.)	

STATUS REPORT ON SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

COMES NOW the City of Springfield, Missouri, and for its *Status Report on Settlement Negotiations*, respectfully states as follows:

1. In its *Order Suspending Procedural Schedule* issued on October 18, 2007, the Commission directed the parties to file a pleading indicating the status of their settlement negotiations no later than November 9, 2007.

2. The City of Springfield and the City of Willard have continued their settlement negotiations, most recently on the morning of November 8, 2007, and are pleased to report that a settlement between the two municipalities now appears likely.

3. Counsel for the two municipalities are in the process of discussing a few remaining issues and finalizing their agreement in writing. Once completed, the agreement will be forwarded to the respective municipal governing bodies for final approval.

4. Based on the upcoming scheduled meetings of the municipal governing bodies, and assuming the necessary approvals are obtained, the agreement should be approved by both municipalities by December 18, 2007.

5. Counsel for the City of Springfield has contacted counsel for all other parties of record and all agree that under the circumstances the best course of action at this time

is to continue to allow sufficient time for counsel for the two municipalities to receive final approval of their municipal governing bodies of the soon to be finalized settlement agreement. This also will allow time for the other parties to address any other outstanding issues, if any, not related to the specific settlement between the two municipalities.

6. Should something unexpected occur prior to December 18, 2007 that would somehow prevent a settlement, the parties will immediately notify the Commission.

7. In addition, in order to not unnecessarily delay this proceeding in the event no settlement can be reached, the parties have agreed in the meantime to discuss, and if necessary file, a proposed procedural schedule should same appear necessary.

8. Given the City of Springfield's direct and peculiar interest in the settlement negotiations, counsel for the City of Springfield has agreed to prepare and file this Status Report on behalf of the other parties to the case.

WHEREFORE, the City of Springfield submits this *Status Report on Settlement Negotiations* on behalf of the parties pursuant to the Commission's Order of October 18, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing Motion was sent to counsel for all parties of record in Case No. WO-2007-0424 by depositing same in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, by hand-delivery, or by electronic transmission, this 9th day of November, 2007.

/s/ Charles Brent Stewart
