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Pre-hearing Conference

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Jefferson City, Missouri

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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)Case No.
Authorizing the Sale, Transfer)WO-2007-0424
and Assignment of Water and Sewer)
Assets to the City of Willard)
and in Connection Therewith)
Certain Other Related)
Transactions.)

RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding,
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning, this is the
3 pre-hearing conference in Case No. WO-2007-0424 in the
4 matter of the application of the Meadows Water
5 Company, North Suburban Public Utility Company and the
6 City of Willard, Missouri, for an order authorizing
7 the sale, transfer and assignment of water and sewer
8 assets to the City of Willard and in connection
9 therewith certain other related transactions.

10 I am Ron Pridgin. I am the Regulatory Law Judge
11 assigned to preside over this pre-hearing conference
12 being held on July 31st, 2007 in the Governor Office
13 Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. The time is
14 approximately ten o'clock in the morning.

15 I would like to get oral entries of appearance
16 from Counsel beginning with the General Counsel's
17 Office.

18 MS. BRUEGGEMANN: Yes, Your Honor. Here on
19 behalf of Staff is Shelly Syler Brueggemann, 200
20 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Brueggemann, thank you.
22 On behalf of the Applicants, please.

23 MR. COMLEY: Good Morning, Judge Pridgin.
24 Let the record reflect the entry of appearance of Mark
25 W. Comley of Newman, Comely and Ruth, 601 Monroe

1 Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 on behalf of
2 the Meadows Water Company and North Suburban Public
3 Utility Company.

4 And let me take this opportunity to introduce the
5 gentleman to my left. Please welcome Kenneth P.
6 Reynolds of Reynolds, Gold and Grosser, P.C., 1240
7 East Independence, Suite 200, Springfield, Missouri
8 65804 who is representing the other co-applicant in
9 this case, the City of Willard.

10 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you.

11 On behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel,
12 please.

13 MS. BAKER: Thank you, Your Honor.
14 Christina Baker, Assistant Public Counsel, P.O. Box
15 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on
16 behalf of the Public Counsel and the rate payers.

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you.

18 On behalf of the City of Springfield, Missouri.

19 MR. STEWART: Thank you, Your Honor.
20 Charles Brent Stewart from the law firm of Stewart and
21 Keevil, L.L.C., 4603 John Garry Drive, Suite 11,
22 Columbia, Missouri 65203.

23 Also appearing as co-counsel, Howard C. Wright,
24 840 North Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65801
25 appearing on behalf of the City of Springfield.

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you Mr. Stewart and
2 Mr. Wright.

3 I don't recall any other parties in this case.
4 Are there any other counsel who wish to make an entry
5 of appearance? Hearing none.

6 I don't believe I have any pending motions. Is
7 there anything that Counsel feels needs to be brought
8 to my attention?

9 MR. COMLEY: Applicants have nothing.

10 MR. STEWART: Nothing.

11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing nothing.

12 Of course, the purpose of this pre-hearing
13 conference is two-fold, to allow parties to get
14 together at least one time in the same room and start
15 trying to resolve their differences, and of course, if
16 that's not possible, try to start forming a procedural
17 schedule.

18 I have a hearing calendar up on the ninth floor.
19 I'm sure all of you are familiar with how that works
20 and where to find it. I should be up on nine during
21 the day if you have any questions. This room is yours
22 until five o'clock, you're free to stay here all day
23 and talk if you need to.

24 Does Counsel have any questions, anything else you
25 need to bring to my attention? Hearing nothing.

1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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4 I, Mindy Vislay, Certified Court Reporter with the
5 firm of Midwest Litigation Services, and Notary Public
6 within and for the State of Missouri, do hereby
7 certify that I was personally present at the
8 proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at the
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