

**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.)	

**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO
TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the City of Springfield, Missouri, and for its *Unopposed Motion To Temporarily Suspend Procedural Schedule*, respectfully states as follows:

1. On August 7, 2007 the parties filed a *Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule* which was approved by the Commission on the same day. Among other things, the procedural schedule adopted called for the filing of Rebuttal Testimony on October 19, 2007.
2. Since the prehearing conference, the City of Springfield and the City of Willard have been engaging in settlement negotiations, which if successful, could obviate the need for the further filing of testimony and the evidentiary hearing currently scheduled for November 27-28, 2007.
3. These settlement negotiations appear to be progressing, although any agreement or agreements which ultimately might be reached between the two municipalities must first be internally reviewed and formally approved by the municipalities' respective city staffs and governing bodies before any settlement can occur in this proceeding. Additional time is required by both the City of Willard and the

City of Springfield to determine if a settlement can be reached, and if so, then to obtain the necessary municipal approvals.

4. 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 temporarily suspend the current procedural schedule in this case to allow more time for the two municipalities to conclude their settlement negotiations. In addition, it is anticipated that the two municipalities will know whether a settlement can be reached by early November and that the parties will be able to file either a status report, or if necessary, a revised procedural schedule by November 9, 2007.

5. 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 Motion on behalf of the other parties to the case.

WHEREFORE, the City of Springfield moves the Commission to temporarily suspend the procedural schedule in this case and to allow the parties to file either a status report, or if necessary, a revised procedural schedule, by November 9, 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 16th day of October, 2007.

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