

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
In Jefferson City on the 29th
day of March, 1996.

In the matter of The Meadows Water)	
Company's tariff revision designed)	
to increase rates for water service)	Case No. <u>WR-96-251</u>
pursuant to the Commission's)	
informal rate procedure.)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Pursuant to the Commission's informal rate procedure, The Meadows Water Company (The Meadows) filed a tariff designed to increase its annual revenue for water service in the amount of \$23,788.00 or 11%. The Meadows is located in Springfield, Missouri, and serves 922 water customers.

On March 21, 1996, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation in this matter. The Staff stated that the requested rate increase was negotiated by The Meadows, the Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel, all of whom are in agreement.

After investigation of the books, records, and operations of The Meadows, the Staff stated in its recommendation that the typical bill for a customer using 6000 gallons per month would increase \$2.70, from \$17.05 to \$19.75, as a result of this proposed rate increase. The Staff continued that, upon notice of the proposed increase being given to all

customers, the Staff received six customer contacts opposing the amount of the agreed-upon increase.

As all parties have agreed to the proposed increase as reflected in The Meadows tariff filing of February 5, 1996, the Commission finds that no public hearing is necessary in this matter.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff, accompanying audit information, and Staff recommendation and finds the proposed increase in annual revenue and accompanying rate increase to be reasonable and in the public interest. The Commission will, therefore, approve the proposed tariff for service on or after April 1, 1996.

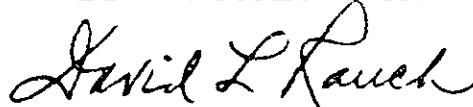
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff, filed February 5, 1996, by The Meadows Water Company, is hereby approved for service on or after April 1, 1996:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 2
3rd Revised Sheet No. 5, canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 5

2. That this order shall become effective on April 1, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Zobrist, Chm., McClure,
Crumpton, and Drainer, CC., Concur.
Kincheloe, C., Absent.