

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Meadows)
Water Company for an Extension of Time) **Case No. WO-2008-0327**
Within Which To File Its 2007 Annual Report)

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORTS

Issue Date: April 11, 2008

Effective Date: April 15, 2008

On April 8, 2008, The Meadows Water Company ("The Meadows"), by and through its attorney, filed a pleading requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission extend the time within which it may file its 2007 annual reports respecting its regulated water and sewer utility operations¹ to July 31, 2008.

Except as otherwise provided, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.640(1) requires all water utilities to "submit an annual report to the commission on or before April 15 of each year."² However, Section 393.140(6) authorizes the Commission to "extend the time prescribed for cause shown."³ Accordingly, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.640(7) states:

A water utility that is unable to meet the submission date established in section (1) of this rule may request an extension of greater than thirty (30) days for submitting its annual report by:

¹ The pleading filed by The Meadows explicitly refers only to its regulated water utility operations. However, the Commission takes official notice of Case No. WO-87-100 (decided on July 15, 1987), which indicates that the company has actually been certificated to serve the public as both a water utility *and* a sewer utility. Accordingly, for annual report extension purposes, the Commission will treat The Meadows' pleading as if it explicitly referred to both.

² The same is true of sewer utilities. 4 CSR 240-3.335(1).

³ All statutory citations are to RSMo 2000.

(A) Filing a pleading, in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 2 of 4 CSR 240, which states the reason for and the length of the extension being requested, with the commission prior to April 15; and

(B) Certifying that a copy of the pleading was sent to all parties of record in pending cases before the commission where the utility's activities are the primary focus of the proceedings.⁴

The Commission notes that the pleading submitted by The Meadows meets both of these requirements, and that the relief it requests is reasonable under the circumstances set forth therein. Therefore, the Commission will grant the company's request for an extension of the time within which it may file its 2007 annual reports to July 31, 2008.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Meadows Water Company's request for an extension of the time within which it may file its 2007 annual reports respecting its regulated water and sewer utility operations to July 31, 2008 is granted.

2. This order shall become effective on April 15, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of April, 2008.

⁴ Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.335(7) sets forth identical requirements pertaining to sewer utilities.