BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., for Authority to Issue Long-Term Debt and to Secure Same with a Lien on its Property

Case No. WF-2023-0023

RESPONSE TO CONFLUENCE REPLY

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and for its *Response to Confluence Reply*, states as follows:

1. On October 17, 2022, the OPC filed a *Response* to the Commission Staff's *Recommendation* filed in this case on October 7, 2022.

2. The OPC's *Response* requested the Commission approve the requested financing subject to three conditions in addition to those already recommended by the Commission's Staff.

3. Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Confluence") filed a *Reply* to the OPC's *Recommendation* on October 21, 2022, that opposed the OPC's three additional conditions.

4. OPC met with representatives for Confluence on October 27, 2022.

5. Pursuant to the discussions had at that meeting, the OPC withdraws its three recommended additional conditions. In their place, the OPC requests the Commission approve the requested financing subject to one additional condition: Subject to the Commission's rules regarding confidentiality, within (30) days from the issuance of any financing authorized pursuant to a Commission order issued in this proceeding, Confluence shall provide to the OPC and Staff all correspondence either provided to or received from CoBank related to the closing of the loan approved by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission approve Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s requested financing authority subject to the one condition laid out herein and those found in the *Memorandum* attached to Staff's filed *Recommendation*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing have been mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this twenty-seventh day of October, 2022.

/s/ John Clizer