BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. and Terry Jarrett, Receiver, for Confluence Rivers To obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and to Acquire Certain Sewer Assets

File No. SA-2023-0215

STAFF'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On January 4, 2023,¹ Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Confluence) and Terry Jarrett, Receiver for the sewer assets of Kenneth Jaeger (Receiver), filed an Application seeking permission for Confluence to acquire certain sewer assets, a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, and a waiver of the Commission's rule requiring 60 days' notice prior to filing an application. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed an initial recommendation on April 6. On April 18, Confluence and the Receiver jointly requested leave to amend the Application. The Commission granted the request and directed Staff to review the amendment and provide an updated or supplemental recommendation no later than June 5.

Staff is filing an Official Case File Memorandum. Staff's investigation, findings, conclusions and recommendations are set out there fully and in detail. Based upon its investigation, Staff has concluded that the CCN request meets the Tartan Factors. Staff recommends that the Commission approve Confluence's request for a CCN to provide sewer service in the Lost Valley service area and makes further recommendations, all as set out in its Memorandum. Staff does not object to waiver of the 60 days' notice rule.

¹ All date references will be to 2023 unless otherwise stated.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission accept this pleading and Staff Official Case Memorandum as compliance with the Commission's Orders.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned by his signature below certifies that the foregoing pleading was served upon all counsel of record on this June 5, 2023, by electronic filing in EFIS, electronic mail, hand-delivery, or U.S. postage prepaid.

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