BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity

Case No. SA-2018-0313

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS

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COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets* in this matter hereby states:

1. The Commission on September 12, 2018, issued its Order Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Granting Waiver in the above-referenced matter. Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Company) on October 15, 2018 filed proposed original and revised tariff sheets to update its existing sewer tariff, based on the Commission's Order.

2. Staff reviewed the initial tariff sheets and made some recommendations to the Company, wherefore, the Company submitted substitute tariff sheets on October 17, 2018. Staff has reviewed the substitute tariff sheets and finds them to be compliant with the Commission's *Order*.

3. In support of its *Recommendation*, Staff has attached the Affidavit of James Merciel to this pleading and incorporates the same herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept Staff's *Recommendation;* approve Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s proposed tariff sheets; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

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Respectively submitted,

<u>/s/ Whitney Payne</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 18th day of October, 2018, to all counsel of record.

/s/Whitney Payne

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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR.

State of Missouri County of Cole

COMES NOW James A. Merciel, Jr. and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

James A. Merciel, Jr.

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this $18^{\frac{14}{10}}$ day of October, 2018..

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D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: December 12, 2020 Commission Number: 12412070