## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc., for a Certificate Of Convenience and Necessity To Provide Sewer Service In Johnson County, Missouri, as an Expansion of Its Existing Service Area.

File No. SA-2022-0014 Tariff No. YS-2022-0072

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and hereby submits this *Staff Recommendation*.

1) On October 4, 2021, Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Elm Hills") filed a tariff revision in this matter intended to adopt recommendations proposed by Staff in its September 16, 2021, Recommendation. The tariffs sheets filed by Elm Hills bear an effective date of November 3, 2021.

2) On October 8, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Directing an Expedited Staff Recommendation and Setting Time for Responses.* The Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding Elm Hills filed tariff sheets no later than October 15, 2021.

3) On October 14, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* ("*Order*"), approving Elm Hills' Application, subject to the conditions set forth in Staff's September 16, 2021, *Staff Recommendation*. Staff has reviewed the tariffs submitted by Elm Hills and finds that they are consistent with Staff's September 16, 2021, Staff Recommendation, and the Commission's *Order*. Staff therefore recommends the Commission approve the following tariff sheets submitted by Elm Hills on October 4, 2021:

- P.S.C. MO No. 4, 1st Revised Sheet No. 3, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 3; and
- P.S.C. MO No. 4, 1st Revised Sheet No. 13, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 13.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept its Staff Recommendation;

and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

### <u>/s/ Mark Johnson</u>

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and or counsel of record on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

## /s/ Mark Johnson

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF DARONN A. WILLIAMS**

STATE OF MISSOURI	)	
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COUNTY OF COLE	)	

**COME NOW** Daronn A. Williams, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiants sayeth not.

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#### 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 144 day of October, 2021.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023 Commission Number: 15207377

Notary Public