

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

In the Matter of the Application of Confluence)	
Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., for a)	
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)	<u>File No. SA-2023-0187</u>
and to Acquire Certain Sewer Assets in Cass)	Tracking No. YS-2023-0195
County, Missouri.)	Tracking No. YS-2023-0203

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF SHEETS AND GRANTING MOTION
FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Issue Date: May 18, 2023

Effective Date: May 29, 2023

On March 22, 2023, the Commission issued its order granting Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s (Confluence) application to acquire certain sewer assets in Cass County, Missouri, and granting a certificate of convenience and necessity. That order directed Confluence to file compliance tariff sheets revising the maps and written description of its service area, and to revise the table of contents.

On May 3, 2023, Confluence filed compliance tariff sheets carrying a proposed effective date of June 2, 2023, Tracking No. YS-2023-0195, along with its *Motion for Expedited Treatment*. The motion requests that the Commission allow the proposed tariff sheets to go into effect with less than thirty days' notice, on May 29, 2023.

On May 12, 2023, Confluence filed Tracking No. YS-2023-0203, effective date of June 11, 2023, to include Cass County in its service territory. Confluence filed a Second Motion for Expedited Treatment, asking that tariff to also become effective on May 29, 2023.

Confluence explains that it expects to close on the assets June 2, 2023, but the sooner it may close on the assets, the sooner it may address the repairs and upgrades to the acquired sewer system. Confluence also explains that closing the transaction before the end of May will make accounting for the system more straightforward, and that there will be no negative effect on party customers or the general public by approving the tariff sheets to be effective on May 29, 2023.

On May 3, 2023, the Commission issued an order directing the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to file its recommendation by May 15, 2023, and for any other party wishing to respond to Confluence's tariff sheets and request for expedited treatment by May 17, 2023. On May 15, 2023, Staff filed its recommendation stating that it had reviewed all tariff sheets and concluded that they comply with the Commission's May 3, 2023 order, and recommended approval of the submitted tariff sheets. Staff also stated that it does not object to Confluence's request for expedited treatment. No other party responded to the Commission's order.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheets should be approved. The Commission has also reviewed the motion for expedited treatment and finds that good cause exists under Section 393.140(11), RSMo. 2016 to expedite the effective date of the tariff sheets. In addition, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than thirty days so that the order will be effective concurrently with Confluence's request for expedited treatment. Therefore, the Commission will approve these tariff sheets, to become effective on May 29, 2023.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The motions for expedited treatment filed by Confluence are granted.
2. The tariff sheets filed by Confluence on May 3, 2023 (Tracking No. YS-2023-0195), are approved to become effective on May 29, 2023. The specific tariff sheets approved are as follows:

P.S.C. MO NO. 21

1st Revised Sheet No. 1, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 1
Original Sheet No. 11a
Original Sheet No. 23a
Original Sheet No. 24a

3. The tariff sheets filed by Confluence on May 12, 2023 (Tracking No. YS-2023-0203), are approved to become effective on May 29, 2023. The specific tariff sheets approved are as follows:

P.S.C. MO NO. 21

1st Revised Sheet Adoption Notice, Cancelling Original Adoption Notice
2nd Revised Sheet Title Page, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet Title Page

4. This order shall become effective on May 29, 2023.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Ross Keeling, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of May, 2023.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 18th day of May, 2023.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
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