

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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Confluence Rivers Utility Operating )  
Company, Inc., to Acquire Certain Water )  
and Sewer Assets, and For Certificates of )  
Convenience and Necessity )

**File No. SM-2020-0283**

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING DEADLINES FOR  
INTERVENTION APPLICATIONS AND STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: March 16, 2020

Effective Date: March 16, 2020

On March 11, 2020, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., applied for authority to acquire sewer utility assets<sup>1</sup> operated and held by multiple entities in the following Missouri counties: Audrain, Madison, St. Francois, Taney and Washington. Confluence Rivers seeks approval for varied transactions, including transfer of assets and associated certificates of convenience and necessity in St. Francois, Taney and Washington counties, as well as the acquisition of non-certificated sewer utility assets and the approval of new certificates of convenience and necessity in Audrain and Madison counties. In addition, Confluence Rivers seeks to expand a certificated area in Franklin County. Finally, Confluence Rivers requests waiver of the Commission’s 60-day notice requirement under 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

The Commission will direct notice be given and set a deadline for intervention applications. The Commission will also direct Staff to file a recommendation with regard to Confluence River’s application.

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<sup>1</sup> Confluence Rivers’ application proposes acquisition of water utility assets, sewer utility assets and assets held by entities that own both water and sewer assets. File No. WM-2020-0282 concerns Confluence Rivers’ application as to water utility assets; File No. SM-2020-0283 concerns Confluence Rivers’ application as to sewer utility assets.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's data center shall provide notice of this order and Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s, application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the county clerks and county commissions for the following Missouri counties: Audrain, Franklin, Madison, St. Francois, Taney, and Washington.

2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall provide notice of Confluence River's application to members of the General Assembly representing residents of the following Missouri counties: Audrain, Franklin, Madison, St. Francois, Taney, and Washington.

3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall provide notice of Confluence River's application to news media serving residents of the following Missouri counties: Audrain, Franklin, Madison, St. Francois, Taney and Washington.

4. Applications for intervention shall be filed no later than April 16, 2020. Any such filing shall be submitted through the Commission's electronic filing and information system or delivered to:

Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P. O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

5. No later than April 30, 2020, the Commission's Staff shall file either a recommendation regarding Confluence River's application or a status report advising when it expects to file a recommendation.

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 16th day of March, 2020.