BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)
Complainant,)) Case No. SC-2020-0002
V.)))
Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc.,))
Respondent)

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, through the undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully submits this *Status Report*:

- 1. On August 20, 2019, Staff filed a *First Amended Complaint*¹ against Respondent Company for failing to timely file an Annual Report as required by § 393.140(6), RSMo., and Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.145(1).
- 2. On August 21, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Retitling Pleading and Second Notice of Contested Case and Order Directing Filing*, ordering Respondent Company to file an answer to the *First Amended Complaint* no later than September 20, 2019.²
- 3. As of the date of the filing of this motion, Respondent Company has failed to file an answer in this matter.

¹ Staff's initial *Complaint* was filed on July 2, 2019. The Commission ordered an amended complaint be filed on August 13, 2019, following Staff's first request for a default judgement on August 7, 2019.

² The Commission initially gave Respondent Company until August 1, 2019 to file an answer to the initial complaint. No answer was ever filed.

- 4. On December 20, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* ("Order"), in which the Commission ordered Staff to file a status report no later than January 6, 2020.
- 5. Since the filing of Staff's Complaint, Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. has filed a request to acquire all or substantially all of the assets of Respondent Company used to provide sewer utility services, including its certificates of convenience and necessity ("CCN").³
- 6. Thus, Staff recommends that the Commission issue a stay in this matter until the Commission has issued an order regarding the acquisition request of Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Status Report, and prays the Commission accept the same as satisfying the Commission's *Order*.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ See Case No. SM-2020-0146.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 23rd day of December, 2019.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle