BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)
Complainant,)))
V.)
Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc.,))
Respondent)

STATUS REPORT

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

- 1. On December 24, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* ("Order"), in which the Commission ordered Staff, beginning March 1, 2020, to file a status report in this matter no less frequently than every two months.
- 2. On April 15, 2020, the Commission granted Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s ("Elm Hills") request to acquire all or substantially all of the assets Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc. ("Central Rivers") used to provide retail sewer utility services, including its certificates of convenience and necessity ("CCN") in Case No. SM-2020-0146.
- 3. On July 1, 2020, Elm Hills filed notice with the Commission that it had closed on the assets of Central Rivers on June 30, 2020.

- 4. Staff would also like to note that Elm Hills has agreed to pay the delinquent FY2020 Commission assessment owed by Central Rivers within 30 days of closing on the Central Rivers assets. That would be no later than July 30, 2020.
- 5. Thus, Staff recommends that the Commission issue a stay in this matter until Elm Hills has paid the delinquent FY2020 Commission assessment owed by Central Rivers.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to Respondent and/or all counsel(s) of record this 1st day of July, 2020.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle