BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Confluence)	
Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., for)	File No. WF-2023-0023
Authority to Issue Long-Term Debt and to Secure)	
Same with a Lien on its Property)	

RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Confluence Rivers"), and for its *Response to Staff Recommendation* states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. On August 1, 2022, Confluence Rivers submitted applications requesting authority to issue long-term debt to CoBank, ACB ("CoBank") in an amount not to exceed \$7.2 million. Confluence Rivers also seeks authority to secure this long-term indebtedness by granting CoBank a lien on all equity Confluence owns now and will own in the future.
- 2. On October 7, 2022, the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") filed its *Staff Recommendation* and supporting *Memorandum* recommending approval of Confluence Rivers' *Application*, subject to the conditions described in Staff's *Memorandum*.
- 3. Confluence Rivers has reviewed the eight (8) proposed conditions listed on pages 6-7 of Staff's *Memorandum* and states that it has no objection to the proposed conditions.

WHEREFORE, Confluence Rivers requests the Commission issue an order approving Confluence Rivers' *Application*, subject to the conditions found in Staff's *Memorandum*, and for

such other and further relief as deemed appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 17th day of October 2022 to all counsel of record.