

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

In the Matter of the Application of Confluence)
Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., for)
Authority to Issue Long-Term Debt and to)
Secure Same with a Lien on its Property)

File No. WF-2023-0023

STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and for its *Response to Order* states as follows:

1. On August 1, 2022, Confluence Rivers Utility Company, Inc. (“Confluence”) submitted applications, requesting authority to issue long-term debt to CoBank, ACB in an amount not to exceed \$7.2 million.

2. Staff filed its *Recommendation* on October 7, 2022, recommending the Commission approve Confluence’s applications subject to conditions outlined in Staff’s *Memorandum* attached to its *Recommendation*.

3. On October 17, 2022, the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed its *Response to Staff Recommendation* (“Response”), in which it recommends approving Confluence’s applications contingent upon Staff’s proposed conditions and OPC’s three additional conditions. On the same day, the Commission directed the parties to respond to OPC’s *Response* no later than Friday, October 21, 2022.

4. Staff reviewed the conditions OPC proposes in its *Response* and does not oppose the additional language and conditions.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept Staff's *Response to Order* and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 19th day of October 2022.

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