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 Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets and for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity

File No. WA-2021-0425 SA-2021-0426

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On June 25, 2021, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Confluence Rivers") filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") requesting that the Commission grant it a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") to acquire, own, install, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain water and sewer systems in Benton, Camden, Clay, Pettis, and Platte counties in Missouri.

2. On July 13, 2021, Staff was ordered to file a recommendation regarding Confluence Rivers' CCN applications no later than October 5, 2021.

3. On October 4, 2021, Staff was granted a 30-day extension allowing Staff to file its recommendation no later than November 4, 2021.

4. As detailed in the attached Memorandum, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the request of Confluence Rivers to acquire, own, install, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain water and sewer systems in Benton, Camden, Clay, Pettis, and Platte counties in Missouri with the conditions listed in Staff's Memorandum.

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WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Staff Recommendation for the Commission's information and consideration, and requests the Commission grant Confluence Rivers' request for a CCN with the conditions listed in Staff's Memorandum.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>

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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 counsel of record on this 4th day of November, 2021.

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>