

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Confluence Rivers Utility Operating)	
Company, Inc. to Acquire Certain)	
Water and Sewer Assets, For a Certificate)	<u>Case No. WM-2018-0116</u>
Of Convenience and Necessity, and, in)	
Connection Therewith, To Issue)	
Indebtedness and Encumber Assets)	

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets* in this matter, hereby states:

1. The Commission on February 14, 2019, issued its *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement and Granting Certificates of Convenience and Necessity* in the above-referenced matter. Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., (Company) on May 9, and May 13, 2019, filed proposed tariff sheets (YW-2019-0204, YW-2019-0207 and YW-2019-0208), based on the Commission’s *Order*, to adopt the existing water tariff currently in effect for Smithview H2O Company and the existing water and sewer tariffs currently in effect for Roy-L Utilities, Inc. The Company filed a substitute proposed tariff sheet in regards to Smithview at Staff’s request. The tariff sheets for Smithview are proposed to become effective on June 8, 2019, and for Roy-L on June 12, 2019, corresponding with their unique filing dates.

2. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets and finds the proposed tariff sheets in relation to Smithview, as substituted, and the original proposed tariff sheets in relation to Roy-L to be compliant with the *Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* and the Commission’s *Order*.

3. In support of its *Recommendation*, Staff has attached the Affidavit of James Merciel to this pleading and incorporates the same herein by reference.

4. Staff notes that as the Company closes on the remaining systems comprising Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, it will submit additional tariff filings as per the requirements of the Commission's Order.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept Staff's *Recommendation*; approve Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company's proposed tariff sheets; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectively submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 20th day of May, 2019, to all counsel of record.

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