

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

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| In the Matter of the Application of Confluence |) | |
| Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., to |) | <u>File No. WM-2020-0282</u> |
| Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets, and |) | Tariff No. YW-2021-0167 |
| for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity |) | YS-2021-0168 |

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFFS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and recommends that the Commission approve the tariffs filed by Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (“Confluence Rivers”) to provide regulated water and sewer services.

1. On December 9, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Acquisition of Water and Sewer Assets and Granting Certificates of Convenience and Necessity*, authorizing the Confluence Rivers to acquire certain water and sewer assets, including the water utility assets of P.A.G. LLC d/b/a Prairie Heights Water Company (“Prairie Heights”), the sewer utility assets Freeman Hills Subdivision Association (“Freeman Hills”), and a sewer system serving the DeGuire Subdivision in Madison County (“DeGuire”). The *Order* also authorized Confluence Rivers to expand its service area under a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) for Villa Ridge Subdivision in Franklin County (“Villa Ridge”). The order directed the Company submit tariff filings for these systems.

2. On March 12, 2021, the Company filed tariff sheets addressing Prairie Heights, Freeman Hills, DeGuire, and Villa Ridge.¹ The tariffs list an effective date of April 11, 2021.²

¹ Tariff Nos. YW-2021-0167 and YS-2021-0168.

² On March 22, 2021, the Company filed a substitute Tariff Sheet No. 11B to correct a typographical error.

3. On March 16, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing*. The *Order* directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding whether the tariff sheets comply with the Commission's December 9, 2020 order no later than March 25, 2021.

4. Staff has reviewed the revised tariffs and recommends their approval.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariffs, and respectfully requests the Commission approve the tariffs filed by Confluence Rivers.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and or counsel of record on this 25th day of March, 2021.

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