

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc.;)
Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc.;) **Case No. WM-2021-0412**
Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc.;)
Osage Utility Operating Company, Inc.;)
Raccoon Creek Utility Operating Company, Inc.; and)
Indian Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. for)
Approval of a Merger Whereby Confluence Rivers)
Will Be the Surviving Corporation and of Related)
Transactions.)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On June 1, 2021, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc., Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc., Osage Utility Operating Company, Inc., Raccoon Creek Utility Operating Company, Inc., and Indian Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Companies) filed a *Joint Application and Motion for Waiver* seeking to merge certain water and sewer assets of the above-referenced entities into Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company. On October 14, 2021, the Commission issued an *Order Approving Merger*, which approved the agreement filed by the parties and authorized the merger. The Companies filed new tariff sheets on December 2, 2021, in accordance with the parties' agreement to reflect the merger.

2. The tariff sheets all bear an effective date of January 1, 2022. Staff reviewed the tariff sheets and has determined that they are in compliance with the Commission's *Order*. Staff recommends approval of these filed tariff sheets.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the filed tariff sheets, bearing an effective date of January 1, 2022; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

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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 16th day of December, 2021, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne

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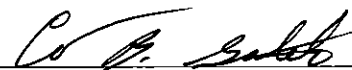
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AFFIDAVIT OF CURT B. GATELEY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW Curt B. Gateley, and on his oath states that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

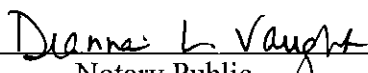
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



Curt B. Gateley

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 14th day of December, 2021.



Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023 Commission Number: 15207377
