# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the Application of Osage  | ) |                       |
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| Utility Operating Company, Inc. to Acquire | ) | File No. WA-2019-0185 |
| Certain Water and Sewer Assets and for a   | ) |                       |
| Certificate of Convenience and Necessity   | ) |                       |

## ORDER DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND SETTING TIME FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: May 5, 2022 Effective Date: May 5, 2022

On May 4, 2022, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Confluence Rivers), the successor of Osage Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Osage) filed a motion requesting the Commission to alter the requirement for Osage to file a rate case with the Commission within twenty-four months as directed in the Commission's *Report and Order* effective May 8, 2020. Confluence Rivers explains that since the certificate was granted, Osage has been merged with several other small water and sewer utilities with Confluence Rivers becoming the surviving entity and adopting the Osage tariffs. Thus, Osage no longer exists in the same corporate format as it did when the Commission granted it the certificate. Additionally, Confluence Rivers explained that it intends to file a new rate case in its post-merger form in the third or fourth quarter of 2022. Confluence Rivers, therefore, requests the Commission remove the requirement for Osage to file a rate case as found in ordered paragraph 18 of the *Report and Order*.

The Commission will direct its Staff to file a recommendation and will set a time for the filing of any other responses to Confluence's request.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Staff shall file a recommendation regarding the motion no later than May 16, 2022.
- 2. Any other party wishing to respond to the motion may do so no later than May 16, 2022.
  - 3. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

#### STATE OF MISSOURI

#### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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**Secretary** 

# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION May 5, 2022

#### File/Case No. WA-2019-0185

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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