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)	Case No. WM-2018-0116
Of Convenience and Necessity, and, in)	
Connection Therewith, To Issue)	
Indebtedness and Encumber Assets	j	

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., June filed tariff (Company) on 6, 2019, proposed sheets (YS-2019-0220), based on the Commission's Order, to incorporate Villa Ridge Sewer system into the existing sewer tariff currently in effect for Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company applicable to the Mill Creek service area. The Company filed substitute proposed tariff sheets at Staff's request. The tariff sheets for Villa Ridge are proposed to become effective on July 6, 2019.
- 2. Staff has reviewed all of the tariff sheets and finds the substitute proposed tariff sheets in relation to Villa Ridge 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 system 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.

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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 14th day of June, 2019, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne

DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Therewith, to Issue Indebtedness and Encumber Assets))	

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR.

State of Missouri)
•) ss
County of Cole)

COMES NOW James A. Merciel, Jr., and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

James A. Merciel, Jr.

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 1312 day of June, 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: June 28, 2019 Commission Number: 15207377