

**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)
Of Convenience and Necessity, and, in)
Connection Therewith, To Issue)
Indebtedness and Encumber Assets)

Case No. WM-2018-0116

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 June 6, 2019, filed proposed tariff 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

