

**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,)	Case No. WM-2018-0116
For a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity,)	Case No. SM02018-0117
And, in Connection Therewith, To Issue)	
Indebtedness and Encumber Assets.)	

**OPC’S RESPONSE TO ORDER TO FILE PROPOSED LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING
SCHEDULE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW, the Office of the Public Counsel, and for *OPC’s Response to Order to File Proposed Local Public Hearing Schedule and Proposed Procedural Schedule*, states as follows:

1. On November 2, 2017, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. filed its *Application and Motion for Waiver*,
2. On July 3, 2018, Confluence Rivers filed its *Motion for Leave to Amend Application and Amendment to Application*.
3. Based on the filing on November 2, on July 3, and on subsequent filings, Confluence Rivers seeks to acquire 20 different systems in 10 different counties. Many of these systems are alleged to need significant investment and operational improvements.
4. On October 4, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order to File Proposed Local Public Hearing Schedule and Proposed Procedural Schedule*.
5. In discussing the need for local public hearings as weighed against the geographic proximity of the systems and the resources of the Commission and the parties, the OPC has narrowed the number of locations down to five. The OPC proposes, and the parties do not oppose the Commission holding local public hearings as follows:

- a. Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison, Jefferson City, Missouri
 - b. Colonnade Room, 312 North Jackson Street, Perryville, Missouri 63775¹
 - c. Springfield, Missouri.
 - d. O'Fallon, Missouri.
 - e. Pacific, Missouri.
6. The OPC further recommends that the Commission schedule these proceedings on days convenient for the Commission, ideally in the first half of December.

WHEREFORE, OPC submits, for the Commission's consideration, *OPC's Response to Order to File Proposed Local Public Hearing Schedule and Proposed Procedural Schedule*, and requests any other relief the Commission deems as just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ This location is likely an ideal location because it has been specifically recommended by attorney David Linton on behalf of the Lake Perry Lot Owners.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail or by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on October 15, 2018 to all counsel of record.

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