

**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)	<u>Case No. WM-2018-0116</u>
Of Convenience and Necessity, and, in)	
Connection Therewith, To Issue)	
Indebtedness and Encumber Assets)	

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 April 24, and April 26, 2019, filed proposed tariff sheets (*YW-2019-0191* and *YW-2019-0193*), based on the Commission’s *Order*, to adopt the existing water tariff currently in effect for Evergreen Lake Water Company and the existing sewer tariff currently in effect for Mill Creek Sewers, Inc. The tariff sheets for Evergreen are proposed to become effective on May 24, 2019, and for Mill Creek on May 26, 2019, corresponding with their unique filing dates.

2. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets and finds them 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 systems 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.

/s/ Whitney Payne

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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 6th day of May, 2019, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne

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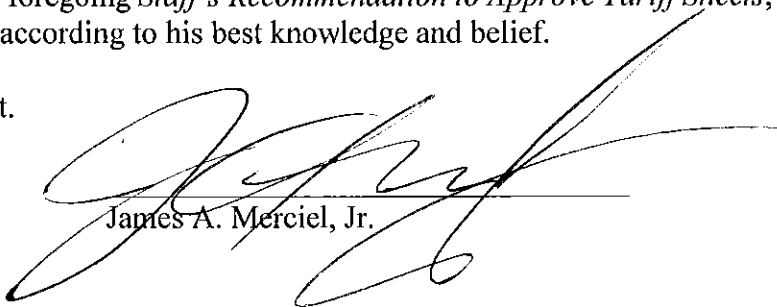
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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR.

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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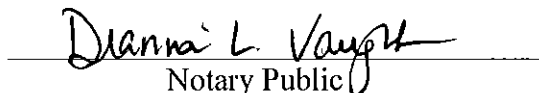
COMES NOW James A. Merciel, Jr., and on his oath states that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff's Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

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 2nd day of May, 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
