

**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 of Terre Du       )  
Lac Utilities Corporation                    )  
**File No. WM-2020-0403**<sup>1</sup>

**ORDER TO FILE PROPOSED LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE,  
SETTING PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE, AND ORDER FOR FILING**

Issue Date: September 30, 2020

Effective Date: September 30, 2020

On June 12, 2020,<sup>2</sup> Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Confluence) filed an Application and Motion for Waiver. On June 15, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Establishing Time for Filings. On July 7 and August 14, the Commission issued orders directing the Commission Staff to file a recommendation. On September 18, Staff filed its recommendation. On September 21, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Motion to Suspend Current Schedule, Request for Notice to Customers, and Request for Local Public Hearing (OPC’s Motion).

On September 22, the Commission issued its Order Directing Responses to Request for Notice and Request for Public Hearing. Therein, the Commission suspended the deadline for responding to Staff’s September 18 recommendation and ordered Confluence and Staff to respond to OPC’s request for notice to customers and for local public hearing. On September 28 and 29 respectively, Confluence and Staff filed their responses to OPC’s Motion. Both agreed to public hearings, but neither agreed to the suspension of the procedural schedule. Additionally, in response to OPC’s request for

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<sup>1</sup> WM-2020-0403 and SM-2020-0404 were consolidated by order of July 6, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> All date references are to 2020 unless otherwise indicated.

notice to customers, Staff stated it had no objections, and Confluence stated it had sent the customer letter provided in Appendix A of its pleading to current customers of Terre Du Lac on August 12 (Confluence's notice response).

The Commission will order Staff and OPC to file replies to Confluence's notice response, order the parties to file a proposed local public hearing schedule, and set the case for a procedural conference.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. No later than October 7, 2020, Staff and OPC shall file replies to Confluence's notice response.
2. No later than October 26, 2020, the parties shall file a proposed local public hearing schedule.
3. A procedural conference is set for October 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference will be conducted by WebEx video and telephone conference connection. Details will be emailed to counsel.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.