# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.

In the Matter of the Application of Osage
Utility Operating Company, Inc. to Acquire
Certain Water and Sewer Assets and for a
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity

File No. WA-2019-0185

# ORDER MODIFYING FILING REQUIREMENT

Issue Date: June 1, 2022 Effective Date: June 30, 2022

On May 4, 2022, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Confluence Rivers), the successor of Osage Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Osage) filed a motion requesting the Commission alter the requirement for Osage to file a rate case with the Commission within twenty-four months as directed in the Commission's *Report and Order* effective May 8, 2020.

The motion explains that Osage and several other small water and sewer utilities have merged with Confluence Rivers, with Confluence Rivers becoming the surviving entity (File No. WM-2021-0412). At the time of the merger, Confluence Rivers adopted the Osage tariffs. Thus, Osage no longer exists in the same corporate form as it did when the Commission granted it the certificate. Additionally, Confluence Rivers explained that it intends to file a new rate case in its post-merger form, which includes the former Osage, in the third or fourth quarter of 2022. Confluence Rivers, therefore, requests the Commission relieve it of the requirement for Osage to file a rate case as set out in ordered paragraph 18 of the *Report and Order*.

The Commission gave notice of the motion and directed its Staff to file a recommendation. On May 13, 2022, Staff filed a recommendation in which it stated it had no objection to the modification but requested that the Commission direct Confluence to file its rate case including the former Osage water and sewer systems no later than May 2023. Confluence filed a response to Staff's recommendation stating that it agreed to Staff's recommendation. No other responses were filed.

The Commission has considered the motion, Staff's recommendation, and Confluence's response. The Commission finds it is reasonable to modify the previously ordered requirement for Osage to file a rate case.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The requirement for Osage to file a rate case set out in Ordered Paragraph 18, of the Commission's *Report and Order*, effective May 8, 2020, is modified so that Confluence Rivers, the successor to Osage, is required to file a general rate case no later than May 31, 2023.
  - 2. This order is effective June 30, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and Kolkmeyer CC., concur.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

# STATE OF MISSOURI

# OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

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