

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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| In the Matter of Confluence Rivers |) | |
| Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s, |) | |
| Request for a Water Rate Increase |) | <u>Case No. WR-2020-0053</u> |
| And |) | Tariff Nos. YW-2020-0155 and |
| In the Matter of Confluence Rivers |) | YS-2020-0156 |
| Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s, |) | |
| Request for a Sewer Rate Increase |) | |

STAFF RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Response to Commission Order* in this matter hereby states:

1. Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company (Confluence), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a *Unanimous Disposition Agreement* in this matter February 10, 2020. An On the Record presentation of the *Agreement* was held March 18, 2020. The Commission on March 30, 2020, issued an *Order* regarding the Covid-19 outbreak and the unknown effect that the event may have on customers of the Confluence Rivers water and sewer systems included in this rate case. The Commission has asked the parties to respond to the proposition of the tariffs taking effect ninety (90) days after their currently effective date of implementation.

2. Staff is not opposed to a ninety (90) day delay in the tariffs taking effect. Staff defers to Confluence for specific details, however, Staff asks the Commission for permission to file a response commenting on Confluence's specific plans, if necessary.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this *Response*; permit Staff a period of no less than three (3) days to respond to any filing of Confluence Utilities

Operating Company; 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 1st day of April, 2020, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne