

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

In the Matter of Confluence Rivers	)	
Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s,	)	
Request for a Water Rate Increase	)	<b><u>Case Nos. WR-2020-0053</u></b>
And	)	and <b><u>SR-2020-0054</u></b>
In the Matter of Confluence Rivers	)	
Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s,	)	
Request for a Sewer Rate Increase	)	

**JOINT PROPOSAL FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through counsel and on behalf of the parties to this matter, and for their *Joint Proposal for Local Public Hearings*, respectfully states:

1. Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Confluence) filed a letter stating its intent to raise its rates for sewer and water services for customers in its Missouri service area on August 29, 2019. The Commission ordered the parties in relation to that request to file a response offering recommended locations and dates for local public hearings no later than September 25, 2019.

2. Staff has reached out to Confluence and the Office of the Public Counsel and the parties agree that it would be proper to hold local public hearings in O’Fallon, Pacific and Jefferson City, Missouri. The parties propose that the hearings be scheduled after October 14 to allow appropriate notice to customers, but no later than November 30, 2019.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this *Joint Proposal for Local Public Hearings*; and grant such further and other relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, to all counsel of record.

**/s/Whitney Payne**