

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

In the Matter of the Application of Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. for Authority to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets and for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity)	<u>File No. WA-2021-0425</u>
)	Tariff Nos. YW-2022-0183 & YW-2022-0185
)	<u>File No. SA-2021-0426</u>
)	Tariff Nos. YS-2022-0184 & YS-2022-0186

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), through counsel, and recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Confluence Rivers) filed and grant Confluence Rivers’ motion for expedited treatment.

1. The Commission issued its *Order Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* (Order) on December 15, 2021 granting Confluence Rivers water and sewer certificates of convenience and necessity. The Commission ordered Confluence Rivers to adopt Cedar Green’s water and sewer tariffs; revise the service area map and service area written descriptions for Cedar Green; and submit tariff sheets for Clemstone, The Missing Well, Prairie Heights, Shelton Estates, and Spring Branch, to become effective before closing on the assets.¹

2. On December 16, 2021, Confluence Rivers filed proposed tariff sheets for the Cedar Green, Clemstone, The Missing Well, and Spring Branch assets, with a motion for expedited treatment requesting that the tariff sheets to go into effect with less than 30 days’ notice. The proposed tariff sheets bear effective dates of January 15, 2022, but Confluence Rivers requests that the Commission allow

¹ Order, P. 12.

these tariff sheets to take effect on December 28, 2021, to accommodate closing dates of December 28 and 30, 2021.

3. On December 17, 2021, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation by December 21, 2021 regarding Confluence Rivers' proposed tariff sheets and motion for expedited treatment.

4. On December 20, 2021, Confluence Rivers filed substitute proposed tariff sheets 21D through 21H for the Spring Branch asset.

5. Staff does not object to Confluence Rivers' motion for expedited treatment, and recommends that the Commission grant it.

6. Staff reviewed Confluence Rivers' proposed tariff sheets for the Cedar Green, Clemstone, The Missing Well, and Spring Branch assets and determined that they comply with the Commission's Order. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets Confluence Rivers filed on December 16, 2021, except for sheets 21D through 21H for the Spring Branch asset. Staff recommends that the Commission approve proposed tariff sheets 21D through 21H that Confluence Rivers filed on December 20, 2021.

7. Staff attaches affidavits with this pleading verifying its review.

WHEREFORE, Staff files this recommendation for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been emailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 21st day of December, 2021.

/s/ Karen E. Bretz

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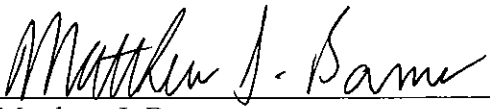
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AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW J. BARNES

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW Matthew J. Barnes, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

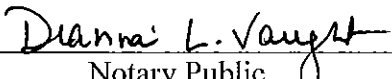


Matthew J. Barnes

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 21st day of December, 2021.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
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My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023
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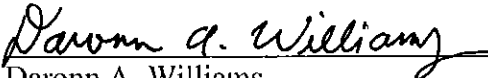
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AFFIDAVIT OF DARONN A. WILLIAMS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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 COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

COMES NOW Daronn A. Williams, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

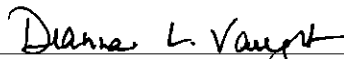


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