

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

Staff of the Missouri Public Service
Commission,

Complainant,

v.

Smithview H2O Company,
John Kuhle and Kuhle H2O Company,

Respondents.

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File No. WC-2016-0141

STAFF MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through undersigned counsel, and for its *Motion to Stay Proceedings* hereby states:

1. On December 8, 2015, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its *Complaint* against Respondents for violating the Commission's statutes and rules related to the filing of annual reports, payment of annual assessments, provision of safe and adequate service, and provision of unauthorized services.

2. On April 6, 2016, June 20, 2016, October 18, 2016, and January 26, 2017, Staff filed *Status Reports* to report on resolution of issues raised in Staff's *Complaint*.

3. On May 4, 2017, Staff requested that the case remain open until either Smithview H2O Company ("Smithview") was sold or its assets were transferred to an owner who is able to assume the responsibilities of operating the system.

4. On November 2, 2017, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Confluence Rivers") filed an application before the Commission seeking authority to

purchase the assets of Smithview, along with assets involving several other water and sewer companies.¹

5. Staff requests that the proceedings in this case be stayed, but that the case remains open, until the case filed by Confluence Rivers is completed.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its *Motion to Stay Proceedings* and requests that this case be stayed until the case filed by Confluence Rivers is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 18th day of December, 2017.

/s/ Marcella L Forck

¹ Case No. WM-2018-0116