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)	File Nos.	WA-2021-0425
Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets and for)		SA-2021-0426
Certificates of Convenience and Necessity)		

CONFLUENCE RIVERS' RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Confluence Rivers"), and, as its *Response to Staff Recommendation*, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. Confluence Rivers filed an *Application and Motion for Waiver* ("Application") on June 25, 2021. The Application was assigned File Nos. WA-2021-0425 and SA-2021-0426.
- 2. On November 4, 2021, the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") filed a *Staff Recommendation* and an associated Memorandum. The *Staff Recommendation* finds the transfer of the Cedar Green utility assets is not detrimental to the public interest and finds Confluence Rivers' acquisition of the unregulated systems to be in the public interest. Staff recommends the Commission grant Confluence Rivers' Application, subject to conditions 1-16. (Memo, p. 24 of 26 26 of 26).
- 3. Thereafter, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Time for Responses*, on November 12, 2021, directing that responses to the Staff Recommendation be filed no later than November 18, 2021.
- 4. Confluence Rivers hereby responds that it has no objection to the Staff Recommendation and its proposed conditions 1-16. (Memo, p. 24 of 26 26 of 26).

WHEREFORE, Confluence Rivers respectfully requests the Commission consider this

Response to Staff Recommendation and, thereafter, issue its order granting Confluence Rivers' Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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