

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

In the Matter of the Application of Confluence)
Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., for)
Certificates of Convenience and Necessity to) **File No. WA-2023-0398**
Provide Water and Sewer Service in an Area of)
Lincoln County, Missouri (Quail Run))

STAFF’S RESPONSE TO CONFLUENCE RIVERS FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, respectfully states as follows:

1. On May 24, 2023, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (“Confluence Rivers” or “Company”) filed applications with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking approval for a certificate of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) to acquire all or substantially all of the water and sewer system of by Lincoln County Water & Sewer, LLC (“LCWS”). Additionally, Confluence Rivers requested a waiver of the 60-day notice requirements.

2. On September 12, 2023, Staff filed its recommendation. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Confluence Rivers' CCN Application with 17 conditions.

3. On September 22, 2023, the Company filed a request to modify Staff’s 17th condition which originally stated as follows:

“Require Confluence to install additional treatment for ammonia within three years if proposed aeration enhancement is not successfully achieving ammonia limits within two years.”

The Company proposed changing condition 17 to the following:

“Require Confluence to install additional treatment for ammonia within three years of the date of closing if proposed aeration enhancement is not successfully achieving ammonia limits.”

4. The Company maintained Staff's intent in its revision. Therefore, Staff does not object to Confluence Rivers' request to revise the 17th condition, which requires the Company to install additional treatment for ammonia within three years of the closing date if the proposed aeration enhancement is unsuccessful meeting ammonia limits.

5. **WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully requests the Commission to adopt Confluence Rivers' revised language for Staff's condition 17.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 25th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

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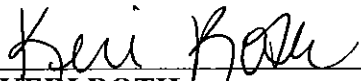
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AFFIDAVIT OF KERI ROTH

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
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COUNTY OF COLE)	

COMES NOW KERI ROTH, and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*, and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

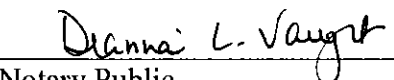
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



KERI ROTH

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 25th day of September, 2023.



 Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027 Commission Number: 15207377
