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

| In the Matter of the Application of Confluence Rivers | ) |              |              |
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| Utility Operating Company, Inc., for Certificates of  | ) |              |              |
| Convenience and Necessity to Provide Water and        | ) | File No.     | WA-2023-0398 |
| Sewer Service in an Area of Lincoln County,           | ) | JW-2024-0053 |              |
| Missouri (Quail Run ).                                | ) | JS           | -2024-0054   |

## **MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

**COMES NOW** Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Confluence Rivers" or "Company") and, in accordance with Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14), moves the Commission for expedited treatment of Confluence Rivers' tariff sheets (JW-2024-0053 and JS-2024-0054) filed on October 30, 2023:

- 1. On October 18, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Approving transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Order")* in the above captioned case. The *Order*, among other things, directed Confluence Rivers to "submit tariff sheets, to become effective before closing on the assets, to include adequately identified service area maps, service area written descriptions, rates and charges to be included in its EFIS tariffs P.S.C. MO No. 12 and 13, applicable to water and sewer service, respectively."
- 2. Concurrently, with the filing of this Motion, Confluence Rivers has filed tariff sheets consistent with the Commission's *Order*. These tariff sheets carry a proposed effective date of November 29, 2023 (30 days) and have been assigned tracking numbers JW-2024-0053 and JS-2024-0054.
- 3. As the Commission is aware, Confluence Rivers has a pending general rate case (Case No. WR-2023-0006), in which the Commission issued a *Report and Order* on October 25, 2023. One of the consequences of that case is that Confluence Rivers will consolidate a number

of Tariff Books into its new P.S.C. MO Nos. 30 and 31. It is Confluence Rivers' hope that the tariff sheets in this case will become effective in time to be incorporated into the new P.S.C. MO Nos. 30 and 31. Accordingly, Confluence Rivers hereby seeks the Commission's order allowing the proposed tariff sheets to go into effect on less than thirty days notice on November 13, 2023.

- 4. A grant of this motion will further the public interest. As indicated in the Staff's recommendation and the Commission's *Order*, the proposal promotes the public interest as the current owner has failed to properly operate and maintain the sewer system. This will be resolved by Confluence purchasing the system and being in a position to make the appropriate improvements. Further, as described above, expedited treatment will provide a more administratively efficient process for moving these tariff sheets to the new consolidated water and sewer tariff books. Conversely, there will be no negative effect on party customers or the general public by approving the tariff sheets to be effective November 13, 2023.
- 5. The tariff sheets and this Motion have been filed as soon as possible after the Commission's *Order* became effective, preparation of the subject tariff sheets, and an understanding of how this filing could be coordinated with the tariff filing in Case No. WR-2023-0006.

**WHEREFORE**, for the foregoing reasons, Confluence Rivers respectfully requests the Commission grant this Motion for Expedited Treatment and approve Confluence Rivers'

proposed tariff sheets (JW-2024-0053 and JS-2024-0054) to be effective as of November 13, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023 to all counsel of record.