

**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 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

**RESPONSE TO
STAFF’S COMPLIANCE TARIFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (“Confluence Rivers” or “Company”) and, in response to *Staff’s Compliance Tariff Recommendation*, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On October 30, 2023, Confluence Rivers filed tariff sheets to add the service area granted pursuant to the Commission’s *Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* issued in this case. Those tariff sheets carried a proposed effective date of November 29, 2023 (30 days) and were assigned tracking numbers JW-2024-0053 and JS-2024-0054.

2. Also on October 30, 2023, Confluence Rivers filed its *Motion for Expedited Treatment* requesting expedited treatment of the filed tariff sheets (JW-2024-0053 and JS-2024-0054). The Motion requested that the proposed tariff sheets go into effect on less than thirty days notice on November 13, 2023. The purpose for this request was to allow the tariff sheets in this case to become effective in time to be incorporated into the new P.S.C. MO Nos. 30 and 31 Tariff Books that will result from Confluence Rivers’ pending general rate case (Case No. WR-2023-0006).

3. The Commission issued its *Order and Notice* in this case on October 30, 2023, directing the Staff of the Commission to file a Recommendation or a Status Report no later than November 7, 2023, in regard to these tariff sheets. The Commission also directed that “[a]ny other responses shall be filed no later than November 7, 2023.”

4. On this date, November 7, 2023, Staff filed its *Staff’s Compliance Tariff Recommendation*. That Recommendation, among other things, suggested that the Commission reject 4th Revised Sheets Nos. 2A in both JW-2024-0053 and JS-2024-0054, because they did not contain any changes from the existing sheets they would replace, and reject the *Motion for Expedited Treatment* because of the short time between the filing of the Recommendation and the requested effective date.

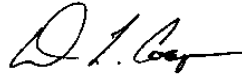
5. Confluence Rivers agrees with Staff as to 4th Revised Sheets Nos. 2A in JW-2024-0053 and JS-2024-0054 and has withdrawn those sheets this date.

6. Further, as to the *Motion for Expedited Treatment*, Confluence Rivers initially chose November 13, 2023, after discussion with Staff personnel. However, as long as the approved effective date allows for the subsequent incorporation of these sheets into the new P.S.C. MO Nos. 30 and 31 Tariff Books (by substitution) prior to their effective dates, Confluence Rivers believes a later effective date will work. Accordingly, Confluence Rivers requests that the proposed tariff sheets (JW-2024-0053 and JS-2024-0054) be made effective as of November 20, 2023.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Confluence Rivers respectfully requests the Commission consider this response to *Staff’s Compliance Tariff Recommendation* and, thereafter, grant the Company’s *Motion for Expedited Treatment* in part and approve Confluence

Rivers' proposed tariff sheets (JW-2024-0053 and JS-2024-0054) to be effective as of November 20, 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 7th day of November 2023 to all counsel of record.

