

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

In the Matter of Confluence Rivers Utility)	
Operating Company, Inc.'s Request for)	
Authority to Implement a General Rate)	<u>File No. WR-2023-0006</u>
Increase for Water and Sewer Service)	Tariff Nos. JW-2024-0065 and
Provided in Missouri Service Areas.)	JS-2024-0066

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFFS

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

1. The Commission issued its *Report and Order* (“Order”) regarding this matter on October 25, 2023, authorizing Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (“Confluence Rivers” or “Company”) to file tariffs in compliance with the Order.
2. Confluence Rivers filed a *Motion for Expedited Treatment and Approval of Compliance Tariffs* (“Motion”) on November 10, 2023.
3. Confluence Rivers also filed two tariff books, one for its water operations under Tariff No. JW-2024-0065, and one for its sewer operations under Tariff No. JS-2024-0066.
4. The Company requested expedited treatment and approval of the compliance tariffs so that the tariffs may take effect on December 1, 2023. The Commission’s Order included a proposed effective date of December 10, 2023. Confluence Rivers has requested the tariffs take effect nine days earlier to coincide with the beginning of the Company’s monthly billing schedule.¹

¹ *Motion for Expedited Treatment and Approval of Compliance Tariffs*, pg. 2, para. 5.

5. On November 13, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Expedited Staff Review*, in which the Commission directed Staff to expedite its review of the tariff sheets, and to file a recommendation no later than November 20, 2023.

6. After Staff concluded its initial review, issues were identified and shared with Confluence Rivers.

7. Following discussions between Staff and the Company, substitute tariff books were filed on November 17, 2023, to correct issues identified by Staff. Due to further discussions between Staff and Confluence Rivers, a second substitute tariff filing was made on November 20, 2023, correcting specific tariff sheets.²

8. Having finished its review, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the substitute tariffs filed on November 17, 2023, and the substitute tariff sheets as filed on November 20, 2023.

9. Staff further recommends that the Commission approve Confluence Rivers' request for expedited treatment. Section 393.140(11), RSMo., permits tariff sheets to go into effect under less than 30 days' notice for good cause. Staff concludes that the Company has provided the requisite good cause in its Motion.³

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the substitute tariffs filed on November 17, 2023, and the substitute tariff sheets as filed on November 20, 2023, with an effective date of December 1, 2023; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just under the circumstances.

² *Substitute Tariff Sheets* (JW-2024-0065 and JS-2024-0066), EFIS No. 299. These included substitute sheets 1, 42, and 43 for JW-2024-0065, and substitute sheet 64 for JS-2024-0066.

³ *Motion for Expedited Treatment and Approval of Compliance Tariffs*, pg. 2, para. 4.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 20th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

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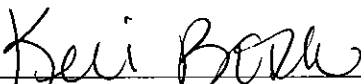
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AFFIDAVIT OF KERI ROTH

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

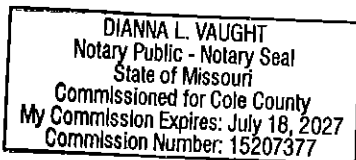
COMES NOW KERI ROTH and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

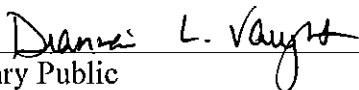
Further the Affiant sayeth not.


_____)
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 20th day of November 2023.




_____)
Notary Public

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AFFIDAVIT OF DARONN A. WILLIAMS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW DARONN A. WILLIAMS and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

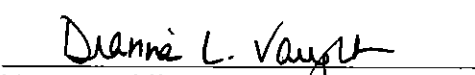
Further the Affiant sayeth not.


DARONN A. WILLIAMS

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 17th day of November 2023.

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


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