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 Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets and for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity

File No. WA-2023-0450

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On June 30, 2023, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Confluence Rivers") filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting authority to acquire and operate the sewer systems of Brussels Valley Estates, Inc. and Mapaville Meadows, and authority to acquire and operate the water and sewer systems of Chevron/Sierra Land Company, LLC. Confluence Rivers also seeks certificates of convenience and necessity to operate these systems.

2. On August 28, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* ("Order"). The Order directed Staff to file a recommendation no later than October 27, 2023.

3. On October 27, 2023 Staff requested and was granted a *Motion for Extension* to file its recommendation no later than November 28, 2023.

4. As detailed in the attached Memorandum, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the request of Confluence Rivers to acquire and operate the sewer systems of Brussels Valley Estates, Inc. and Mapaville Meadows, and to acquire and operate the water and sewer systems of Chevron/Sierra Land Company, LLC with the conditions listed in Staff's Memorandum. Staff also recommends that the Commission

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grant the certificates of convenience and necessity to operate these systems with the conditions listed in Staff's Memorandum.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Staff Recommendation for the Commission's information and consideration, and requests the Commission grant Confluence Rivers' requests with the conditions listed in Staff's Memorandum.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>

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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 counsel of record this 28th day of November, 2023.

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>