BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 JW-2024-0098 and JS-2024-0099

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-2024-0098 and JS-2024-0099) filed on January 5, 2024:

1. On December 13, 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 for each service area, to become effective before closing on the assets, to include a service area map, service area written description, rates and charges."

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 February 4, 2024 (30 days) and have been assigned tracking numbers JW-2024-0098 and JS-2024-0099.

3. The Company hopes to close on the Brussels Valley Estates system the week of January 29, 2024, and the other systems as soon as possible thereafter. 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 January 29, 2024.

4. A grant of this motion will further the public interest. As indicated in the Staff's

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recommendation, the proposal promotes the public interest as the current owners have failed to properly operate and maintain the subject systems. This will be resolved by Confluence Rivers 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 January 29, 2024.

5. The tariff sheets and this Motion have been filed as soon as possible after the issuance of the Commission's *Order*, return of personnel after the holidays, and preparation of the subject tariff sheets.

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-2024-0098 and JS-2024-0099) to be effective as of January 29, 2024.

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 5th day of January 2024 to all counsel of record.

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