

**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 Sewer)
Assets in an Area of Warren County, Missouri)
(North Oak Sewer District, Inc.))

File No. SM-2024-0130

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 September 29, 2023, Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (“Confluence Rivers”) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission approve the acquisition of the regulated North Oak Sewer District, Inc., which is providing service in the North Oak Estates subdivision in Warren County, Missouri.

2. On December 4, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation* ordering Staff to file its recommendation on Confluence River’s application no later than January 12, 2024.

3. As detailed in the attached Memorandum, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the request of Confluence Rivers to acquire North Oak Sewer District, Inc. Staff also recommends that the Commission either transfer the certificate of convenience and necessity to operate this system, or, in the alternative, grant Confluence Rivers a new certificate of convenience and necessity, 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,

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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 on this 12th day of January, 2024.

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