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 a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Sewer Service in an Area of Jefferson County, Missouri (Country Life Acres)

File No. SA-2024-0129 Tracking No. JS-2024-0106

STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED COMPLIANCE TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), through counsel, and states the following regarding the tariff sheets Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Confluence Rivers") filed, bearing effective dates of February 28, 2024.

1. On December 21, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Approving Acquisition of Assets and Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Order"), which approved the acquisition of the Country Life Acres sewer system and granted Confluence Rivers a certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") regarding the Country Life Acres sewer system located in Jefferson County, Missouri.

2. On January 29, 2024, Confluence Rivers filed tariffs sheets pursuant to the December 21, 2023 Order. The tariff sheets were assigned tariff tracking number JS-2024-0106.

3. In its Order Directing Staff Review issued January 30, 2024, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation no later than February 12, 2024, regarding Confluence Rivers' tariff sheets. The January 30, 2024 Order also stated "Those tariff sheets were assigned Tracking No. JS-2024-0066..." Upon review of the Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS"), Tracking No. JS-2024-0066 is

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assigned to Case No. WR-2023-0006. Later on January 30, 2024, the Commission issued its *Corrected Order Directing Staff Review* ordering Staff to file a recommendation no later than February 13, 2024, due to the state holiday on February 12, 2024. Also on January 30, 2024, Confluence Rivers filed substitute tariff sheets with a tariff tracking number of JS-2024-0106.

4. Staff reviewed Confluence Rivers' tariff sheets and determined that the following comply with the Commission's Order and recommends approval:

<u>P.S.C. MO No. 31</u> 3rd Revised Sheet No. <u>4</u> Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. <u>4</u> 1st Revised Sheet No. <u>55</u> Cancelling Original Sheet No. <u>55</u> 3rd Revised Sheet No. <u>64</u> Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. <u>64</u> 1st Revised Sheet No. <u>117</u> Cancelling Original Sheet No. <u>117</u> Original Sheet No. <u>133A</u>

5. Staff attached an affidavits with this pleading verifying its review.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve Confluence

River's tariff sheets as listed in paragraph 4, above, to go into effect February 28, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Ron Irving</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 13th day of February, 2024, to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/ Ron Irving</u>

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AFFIDAVIT OF ANDREW HARRIS, PE

SS.

STATE OF MISSOURI) COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW ANDREW HARRIS, PE and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing Staff Recommendation Regarding Proposed Compliance Tariff Sheets; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

ANDREW HARRIS, PE

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 $/3^{+}$ ____ day of February 2024.

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

Dianne L. Vaupt-Notary Public