BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Confluence)	
Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc., for)	
Certificates of Convenience and Necessity to)	File No. WA-2025-0012
Provide Water and Sewer Service in Lincoln)	
County, Missouri, as an Expansion of its Existing)	
Service Area (Creekside Development).)	

RESPONSE TO STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Confluence Rivers"), and for its *Response to Staff Report and Recommendation* states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. On July 5, 2024, Confluence Rivers filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission grant it a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain and otherwise control and manage a water system and a sewer system for the public in an area of Lincoln County, Missouri (Creekside Development).
- 2. On September 30, 2024, Staff filed its *Staff Report and Recommendation* and supporting *Memorandum* recommending that the Commission grant Confluence a CCN to provide water and sewer service consistent with the current Glenmeadows service area, with the addition of the Creekside development. Staff further recommends that the CCNs be granted consistent with 8 recommendations (*Staff Report and Recommendation*, pp. 6-7).
- 3. Confluence Rivers has no objection to the referenced recommendations. However, it does note that because Creekside is still being developed, Confluence Rivers will not be able to "provide to the CXD Staff a copy of the first bill" it renders to a customer in the extended area until houses have been constructed in that area.

WHEREFORE, Confluence Rivers requests the Commission issue an order approving Confluence Rivers' application and granting Confluence Rivers CCNs as recommended in *Staff's Report and Recommendation*, subject to the Staff recommendations, and for such other and further relief as deemed appropriate in the circumstances.

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 10th day of October 2024, to all counsel of record.