

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Confluence Rivers Utility Operating)
Company, Inc. and United Fiber, LLC)
d/b/a United Fiber MO, LLC, for Authority) File No. SM-2025-0080
to Acquire and Sell Certain Sewer Assets)
in an Area of Nodaway and Andrew)
Counties, Missouri.)

JOINT RESPONSE TO STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

COME NOW Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company, Inc. (“Confluence Rivers”) and United Fiber, LLC d/b/a United Fiber MO, LLC (“United Fiber”), and for their *Joint Response to Staff Report and Recommendation* state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

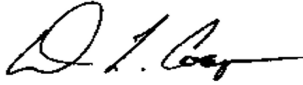
1. On September 4, 2024, Confluence Rivers and United Fiber filed a *Joint Application and Motion for Waiver (Application)* with the Commission requesting that the Commission grant United Fiber authority to sell to Confluence Rivers certain sewer assets in an area of Nodaway and Andrew Counties, Missouri. United Fiber is a regulated utility and holds certificates of convenience and necessity (“CCNs”) granted by the Commission.

2. On November 1, 2024, Staff filed its *Staff’s Report and Recommendation* and supporting *Memorandum* suggesting that the Commission approve Confluence Rivers’ acquisition of the subject sewer system assets and issue CCNs, subject to 22 orders and requirements described in *Staff’s Report and Recommendation*.

3. Confluence Rivers and United Fiber have reviewed the proposed conditions listed on pages 6-9 of *Staff’s Report and Recommendation* and have no objection to those proposed orders and requirements.

WHEREFORE, Confluence Rivers and United Fiber request the Commission issue an order approving the *Application* and grant Confluence Rivers the CCNs recommended in Staff's *Memorandum*, subject to the Staff's proposed orders and requirements, 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 21st day of November 2024, to all counsel of record.

